



Holiday Greetings

May the true spirit of the First Christmas shine brightly in the hearts of you and your family today and every day.

COOPER'S MEN'S WEAR

The years go on and our celebrations may change with time... but the wishes are always the same - A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You and Yours.

Manning Electric

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
To all on this glorious day, whether near or far, we wish the most sincere greetings for a most happy Christmas.

MacSWAIN MOTORS
Acton

Christmas

Christmas is more than 'Santa and a tree'... to all it brings a message of peace and good will... and it is in this spirit that we extend our sincere greetings to you and your family.

Symon Hardware

Personal Notes . . .

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mrs. Perry Watson visited in Toronto last week.

Mrs. A. Wilkinson is visiting in Guelph during the school vacation.

Miss Willa McKay is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Norval.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hansen and Billy plan to spend Christmas Day in Toronto.

Mrs. George Angel left Saturday morning for a month's visit in California.

Mr. E. Harrop is spending Christmas in Detroit at the homes of his daughters.

Miss Jean McCaig of Mimico visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. Leishman.

Mr. John Barr, student at the University of Toronto, is home in Acton for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hassard and family of Strathroy are visiting in Acton this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sonia and family visited last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beatty.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bellamy and family are spending Christmas at Stayner with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson and family plan to spend Christmas Day in Oshawa.

Miss Joan Pickering, who teaches music in Acton, is spending Christmas at her home in Blenheim.

Pastor D. Patterson of the Baptist church is spending Christmas at his home in Douglas, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Moss of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooper over the week-end.

Mr. R. Cuthbertson of the high school staff, is spending the Christmas vacation at Sault Ste. Marie.

Miss Joan Kirby of the public school teaching staff is spending Christmas at her home in Kenora.

Mr. Douglas Davidson, who attends Toronto Normal school, is visiting in Acton over Christmas.

Miss Edythe Harris, a member of the high school teaching staff is vacationing at her home in Toronto.

Mr. George MacPherson and Mr. Bruce MacPherson of Toronto visited in Acton to-day (Wednesday).

Mrs. J. A. Mowat is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughters in Toronto and Mimico.

Miss Bertha Brown of Toronto is visiting with Miss Fern Brown during the Christmas school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rognvaldson and family expect to be in Toronto for Christmas Day tomorrow.

Miss Joyce Greer, nurse in training at Guelph General hospital, is spending Christmas at her home in Acton.

Miss Clara Grindley will visit in Toronto and Montreal during her two weeks' vacation from the high school.

Mr. Leno Braida, a student at the University of Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Leishman and Mr. Alan Leishman are planning to spend Christmas tomorrow in Stratford.

Miss Mary Snyder, teacher at Acton high school, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of Fergus are with Mrs. George Chapman and Miss Madge Chapman for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hufnagel and family are spending the Christmas holiday in Dundalk with Mrs. Hufnagel's family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hutcheon of Galt are planning to spend Christmas with Mrs. P. Sayers and Miss Gibbons in Acton.

Mrs. W. Dunmarch had an operation in Toronto General hospital Thursday last week. Friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Andrew Nicol, a student at the University of Western Ontario at London, is spending the Christmas vacation in Acton.

Mr. Aldo Braida, who attends Ossonge Hall in Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of his parents in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Green of Kingsville are spending Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Price and daughter in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sharpe of Thistleton are expecting to spend Christmas tomorrow with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackie.

A family supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson Saturday, December 13, marked the birthday of Mr. Bert Rognvaldson.

Miss Nellie Hall, Miss Marjory Hall, Miss W. Hall, Miss A. Akins and Mrs. Pearl Kennedy left Saturday morning for a motor trip to Florida. They expect to be away a little over two weeks.

Mr. Roddy McDougall of Woodbridge is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper in Acton.

Miss Margaret Treanor of Toronto visited her aunt, Miss Allela Langan, last Sunday. She has just recently returned from a holiday in Mexico.

Miss Shirley Fryer attended the Christmas Ball at the Royal Military College in Kingston on December 19. She was the guest of Cadet Dick Grainger of Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Robbins are travelling to Daytona Beach, Florida during the Christmas vacation, with their mother, Mrs. Anderson of Elora and Mrs. Robbins of Niagara Falls.

BALLINAFAD

Many Schools Hold Christmas Concerts

Christmas concerts are in order these days. The Sunday School held a pot luck supper program and Santa Claus on Friday of last week. Peacock School, with Mrs. Rathburn as teacher, held their concert on Monday night and Blue Mountain School, with Mrs. Shortill as teacher, on Friday night, when splendid programs were presented at all of them and Santa pleased all the children with his arrival.

We were sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. John Lang of Orangeville. The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Lang, who is well known in this district.

Mrs. John Millar is in Guelph General Hospital and we are sorry to say not improving, as her many friends would like to see.

Wishing the Editor, staff and readers a Merry Christmas.

OSPRINGE

School, Church Hold Christmas Parties

The annual Christmas concert was held at the school on Wednesday afternoon. A splendid variety program was presented by the pupils, under the guidance of the teachers, Mrs. A. White and Miss Schell, assisted by Mr. Douglas.

A new festival, a puppet show, was a decided success. This was presented by Warren McKinney, John and Sherlock Aitken and Danny and Ken Winter. Santa appeared and distributed presents from a well laden tree.

On Saturday evening, the Sunday School held their Christmas party. A repeat performance of a number of items from the school concert was given, along with music and carols.

Several from here attended the funeral on Saturday of the late Rev. W. G. Charlton at Erin.

A fitting Christmas service was held in the local Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Infant baptism was administered by Rev. A. Vair, who also delivered a Christmas message.

Mrs. Bruce Sr. of Whitewood, Sask. is visiting with her sons, Ward and Byron and their families.

Miss Fern Schell, assistant teacher at the local school, is spending the holidays with her parents at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson attended the funeral of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Hewatt, at Rockwood on Friday.

Your correspondent extends to the Editor, staff and readers of the Free Press, a very Merry Christmas and a bright, happy New Year.

IT NEVER LASTS FOREVER
Drivers would do well to remember that a snow storm or freezing rain stops sooner or later! Often it would be much better to wait the storm out in safety rather than attempt to fight the elements. The battle can be tremendously one-sided and hurry under the circumstances is usually dangerous and unwise.

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THANKS FOR YOUR VALUED PATRONAGE and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pallant, Acton, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine, to Mr. Sam Dingman of Toronto. The wedding to take place January 7 at the Prince Arthur House, Toronto.

ROCKWOOD

Churches Combine Town Hall Service

Church services on Sunday were well maintained with Christmas messages and choir numbers. Sunday evening a combined service was held in the town hall, with the choir of the United Church and community band. It was largely attended, despite unfavorable weather conditions.

Rev. John W. Oliver was chairman for a well arranged program. The opening number was "Silent Night, Holy Night," with S. Scott directing the band. Campbell McArthur conducted the choir in a few numbers, with George Day at the piano. Some numbers had both the choir and band together.

A quiet selection with Messrs. Fred Black, Campbell McArthur, Neil and Norman Lambert, was enjoyed. Other Christmas numbers, with both choir and band, were "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." Miss Marie Land contributed a piano selection. A brief address by Rev. J. W. Oliver and Mr. Scott and God Save the Queen concluded the evening.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment of St. John's Church was well attended in the Parish Hall Wednesday evening. A supper was served earlier in the evening for the young folks.

Rev. R. E. Price was chairman for a well arranged program given by the children. Don Hills showed a few films, including "Pass in Boots," "Abbott and Costello in the Boxing Ring" and "The Night Before Christmas," followed by community singing with Rev. R. E. Price in charge and Mrs. C. Meredith at the piano.

Santa Claus put in his appearance to the delight of the young folks and was assisted by members of the Sunday School in distribution of gifts.

Last Wednesday, a former resident of Rockwood, Mrs. Isabel Hewitt, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Scott in Eden Mills, at a fine old age, following several years of invalidism.

The funeral took place Friday, with service in Rockwood United Church. Rev. John W. Oliver was in charge and assisted by Rev. Fred Williamson, who read the scripture portion and led in prayer. Rev. Oliver brought a message with much comfort to the bereaved members of the family and relatives.

At the conclusion of the service, Rev. P. Williamson pronounced the benediction. Interment took place in Rockwood cemetery beside her late husband. Pallbearers were Messrs. William Pasmore, Arch McNabb, Ross Gordon, Wilbert J. Guild, J. A. Little and Alex Munro of Hamilton. Sympathy of the neighboring communities is extended to those who mourn her loss.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Armstrong on the birth of a son at Guelph General Hospital on December 13.

A number of hockey fans attended a game at Maple Leaf Gardens Saturday evening between Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Black Hawks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ayles, Ross and Leon were guests in Toronto of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wylie on Sunday.

Week-end visitors and Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peart, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Morley Watkins, Kitchener; Mr. Bob Minchell, Royal Bank staff, Guelph; Miss Zenith Walker, Orangeville; Charles Pollock, Camp Borden; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Synnott and daughter, Acton.

Joel Standfield, Rhodes Military College, Vancouver Island, B.C., is a holiday guest with Neil and Norman Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. F. (Jerry) Standfield and children, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Miller, Mr. James Miller, Kitchener were Saturday visitors with Neil and Norman Lambert.

Miss Helen Bayne of Preston is home for the holiday season, also Miss Connie Stout of Toronto.

Local stores in town are all set for the Christmas trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schneider are among those who have secured a TV set during the week-end.

Miss Bessie Gardner of Norwich is in town during the holiday season.

THANK YOU

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The Superintendent and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Eric W. Clarke) of Halton Centennial Manor, desire to express grateful appreciation to everyone in the County who have contributed in so many ways, both before, and since the opening, to the making of the Manor, that which we all desire it to be, a "home" in every sense of the word, for those who have reached the declining years of life.

We ask for your continued co-operation in this way during the coming year and wish one and all the

**Compliments of the Season**

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, MAY WE WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Thompson Motors**  
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*Christmas Greetings*

to all our friends and patrons  
May this be the happiest Christmas ever for everyone.

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Season's Greetings

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas packages, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the holiday. To all our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

Hotchen's Bakery

The foundation of all business is Confidence and to those whose Confidence we treasure

We sincerely wish a Christmas of Great Joy and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity

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