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High School News

By Neil Benton

Hurrah! the exams are over for another term. All can breathe easier now (we hope). My hope is that we all have passed.

Sorry there was no news last week as yours truly was studying "very hard."

We welcome a new student to dear A.H.S. He is Neil Wallace, a young Englishman from Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The poor fellow was hardly settled before he had to start his exams. What a welcome!

The Christmas party was held on Tuesday afternoon. The program included: Lenora Watson, at the piano; Donna McMillan, a solo; certain numbers by the members of the staff of A.H.S.; Peggy and Frances Oakes, a duet.

Santa Claus came and distributed presents to the teachers and students and then headed back for the north.

Here ended our first term at A.H.S.

On behalf of the students and teachers I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by
Gwendoline P. Clarke

Time moves on, and once again it is my privilege to wish everyone who reads this column a very Happy Christmas. That I do with all my heart because as you know, happiness is meant to be shared, especially at Christmas time, and we certainly hope and expect this will be a Happy Christmas in our family circle. With a newly acquired daughter-in-law and a brand new grandson how could it be otherwise?

And then of course there is the spirit of giving. Few of us are really happy unless we are conscious of having contributed in some small way to the happiness of others. That, surely, is why we exchange greeting cards and gifts at Christmas time. If we lose the desire to give happiness, if we give presents only because it is "the thing to do," then there is a shallowness to our giving that makes itself felt. It even finds expression in the gifts we offer; in the ill-chosen but sometimes expensive gift that gives little pleasure to the recipient. So different from the handmade or carefully selected gift, chosen because we are perfectly sure it is the very thing to bring pleasure or comfort.

Even a box of chocolates should be chosen with care. Grandpa may have a sweet tooth so a generous assortment of chocolates with soft filled centres delight him. But oh, the disappointment when half the chocolates are nut-filled or with hard-candy centres! Grandpa feels cheated, annoyed that John or Mary had so little thought for him that they forgot about his poor old store teeth! Wills have been changed for just such little acts of thoughtlessness.

Very often it isn't the big things but the little things done or said that make or mar the Christmas season. Children over stimulated with excitement are often hard to handle. Mothers become "nervy" considering how they can possibly get everything done that has to be done before the big day arrives. How a mother would learn to relax, take time out for a little quiet time with her children, talking over the real meaning of Christmas, or of Christmases long past when they were very young—children love to hear such stories over and over again. Or perhaps a carol sing-song, giving the origin of the old Christmas carols. The children would unconsciously welcome the quiet session; tensions would be relaxed all round. Mother would find herself strangely rested, ready again to tackle the endless jobs that still confront her.

Everyone loves Christmas carols but not everyone knows their origin so here is the story behind the better known carols.

"I Came Upon the Midnight Clear." This was written by a descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers—Edmund Sears. As Edmund worked [illegible] near Sandisfield, Massachusetts, [illegible] well-known [illegible] He [illegible] popular [illegible] midnight [illegible] up a [illegible] and [illegible]

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Charles Wesley [illegible] way to [illegible] Christmas morning [illegible] Laughing [illegible] church bells [illegible] and Charles was so impressed he exclaimed with delight "Hark! All the welkin rings, Glory to the King of Kings." This was later changed to the words as we know them and was written after the Wesley brothers landed in Georgia.

"Christians Awake" was written by John Byrom a minor poet, of Manchester, England. His little daughter Holly asked him to write him [illegible] really special for Christmas. So "Christians Awake" was dedicated to the little girl.

"Away in a Manger" was the first Christmas carol to be published by Martin Luther. It was written in 1200 [illegible] in St [illegible] Christmas Eve. Only [illegible] the first Christmas Carols are likely before it, [illegible] Christmas dances to honor the Saints [illegible]

"Adeste Fideles" (Come Ye Is Bethlehem). This is probably the first Christmas Carol to be sung in Canada. It was written in the Huron language by Father Jean de Brebeuf in 1642 for the Indian Missions. It is beautiful in its simplicity.

Carol singing has always been popular except during the time of the Reformation. During that time Abbey churches were despoiled, organs removed or smashed, carol singing was forbidden, and there was never an attempt made to supply a Christmas festival [illegible] entirely.

So we are [illegible] the lovely [illegible] know that [illegible] out [illegible] we [illegible] mas [illegible] fit [illegible] to [illegible] Re- [illegible] while [illegible] the [illegible] no [illegible] may [illegible] Happy [illegible]

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