



Merry Christmas

Thanks For Your Patronage in '54

PATRICIA ANN BEAUTY SALON



Merry Christmas

Merriest of holiday wishes

THOMPSON'S FUEL SERVICE

Ray Thomson "Pat" Patterson



Greetings

Day your candle of happiness glow long and warm throughout this Season of peace and good will.

R. H. ELLIOTT
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Many Winners At Christmas Bingo

St. Joseph's church hall was filled for the annual Christmas bingo on Tuesday evening.

Winners are chickens, Mrs. H. Jordan, Mrs. Geo. Simpson, Mrs. A. White, Mrs. E. Branda, Mrs. H. Halloway, Diane Shultz, Mrs. H. Otterbein, Mrs. Brown, Jean McCreo, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Joe Keis, Garry McFadden, Mrs. Branda, Marilyn Marks, Mrs. M. Davis, special chickens, Mrs. G. Simpson, Mike McCristall, Mrs. J. Dunn, Mrs. J. Cassner, Mrs. J. Hargrave, share the wealthy top line Mrs. J. McNash, bottom line Mrs. Garnet Rose, full card, Mrs. Max Milne, Christmas cake Mrs. Paul, last prize, a turkey was won by Mrs. Marks.

Party For Parish At Roxy Theatre

St. Joseph's parish held its annual Christmas entertainment on Sunday afternoon, December 19, at the Roxy theatre under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League and the Holy Name Society.

A program of films highlighted the program and was followed by the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed bags of candies and fruit to the children. Henry Deveau acted as master of ceremonies and Rev. Father J. Morgan spoke a few words of thanks to the societies for their co-operation in staging the annual event.

Over 200 children and parents were in attendance.

Excitement Evident At Baptist Concert

Excitement and enjoyment marked the expressions on faces of young and old alike at the Baptist Sunday school concert Friday night. The entire church family gathered for a sumptuous supper followed by Mrs. D. Dunk.

Following this was the concert consisting of a variety of recitations and musical numbers. Little Miss Landborough opened the program with a welcome verse, "The Baby Jesus." A poem was recited by Joan Gordon, Ruth Costerus and Betty Landborough. Linda Gordon recited a Merry Christmas and the unit beginners' class sang "Away in a Manger."

Three exercises were given by the primary class. Christmas Gifts by David Chapman, Shirley Cohen, Sandra Cripps and Kaye Dunk, Mrs. Simpson recited by Betty Garner, "The Way" by Jo Ann Emerson, Barbara Marks and Donna Landborough.

Rev. Dunk recited a poem entitled "The Story of the Star" a dialogue between two shepherds a grandfather and grandson, was presented by John and Bert Tripp, followed by a poem, "God's Bright Star," by Susan Cohen.

An exercise, "Three Candles," was given by Roy Dunk, Jeffrey Morris and Ralph Tripp. The Christmas Song was sung by Margaret Sunter, Ruth Landborough, Brenda Cripps and Susan Cohen. This part of the program was closed by Charlie Sunter reciting a Christmas prayer in verse.

A dramatization of the Road to Bethlehem was presented by a mixed age group. The cast was made up of Mr. Ferguson, a prosperous businessman, Clarence Reid, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. H. Helms, Ruth Ferguson, their 17 year old daughter, Helen Landborough, Carol Ferguson, their 11 year old daughter, Margaret Sunter, Jean Ferguson, their nine year old daughter, Brenda Cripps, Martha, their maid, Mary Reid, Mr. Brown, one who rents a house from Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Costerus, friends of Ruth, Ann, Fay Garner, Ellen Ruth Landborough, Jack, Bob Landborough and Dick, Warren Wagner, a stranger, one who seeks the road to Bethlehem, Mrs. Lorne Garner, the Madonna, Elda Fryer.

To climax the program was the much looked forward to visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas Party For New Canadians

The high school contained a small-scale Tower of Babel on Monday evening when, instead of the regular instruction, the classes in Basic English held a Christmas party. While the new Canadians from the same European countries talked among themselves in Dutch, German and Ukrainian, they all used English to the best of their ability when talking to those from other countries.

A film on Canada was shown, and records, both European and Canadian, played. Refreshments were enjoyed by the group who study English with Mr. Ringler and Mr. Heron each week. Gifts were given to both the teachers.

Bill Bell Speaker At Y.P.S. Service

Bill Bell preached the message at Knox Presbyterian church Sunday evening when the service was conducted by the Presbyterian Young People's Society. Jim Greer, the president of the group, was in charge.

Passages of scripture were read by June Watkins, Doris Allen, Joe Jany and Bob Armstrong. The choir, with Ted Hansen at the organ, sang "The Christmas Story." "A Dream Accomplished" was Mr. Bell's topic for his address.

Rev. Armstrong pronounced the benediction at the close of the service.

ROCKWOOD Christmas Theme In Week's News

Last Tuesday evening the Home and School Association held a social evening at the school which was well attended. Several tables were occupied for refreshments and at the conclusion some good prizes were handed out. A number of draws on tickets brought in a good amount. At the conclusion of the games, lunch was served by a committee and a social time enjoyed.

Wednesday evening the annual banquet of the Veterans Land Act organization was held in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Over 40 sat down to well laden tables served by the ladies of the church. At the conclusion of the supper the gathering adjourned to the town hall for games and a social evening.

23 Years as Caretaker

Sunday morning the congregation of the Presbyterian church enjoyed the benefits of their new furnace which was installed the latter part of the week. Just a few more attachments are required to make the new outfit complete. The caretaker, Richard Harris, has put in a good many years during the past 23 years during the winter months, as well as at St. John's church the same length of time.

Annual Entertainment

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the United church was held in the church Friday evening and largely attended by the parents and friends of the young folks. Sunday morning service was also well attended, some 135 Sunday school scholars being present.

As Christmas draws near, the local stores are busy with customers for all the different items that are in the minds of folks seeking some present or purchase for somebody. Schools close this week for the holiday season and all good wishes for the teachers who have put in a busy fall term in behalf of all pupils busy with the three R's.

Mr. George Walker of Queen's University, Kingston, is home for the holiday season.

A few from St. John's church were at St. Alban's church, Acton, Sunday evening for the Candlelight Service which was quite impressive.

OBITUARY

Grocer in Guelph, Roy Elsley Dies

Roy E. Elsley, a grocer in Guelph, died suddenly in Guelph General Hospital Wednesday last week.

Son of Levi Elsley and the late Mrs. L. Elsley, Roy Elsley went to Guelph 35 years ago from Nassagaweya Township.

After 27 years in business he sold out his store. He had since been working in the fruit department at Scott's Groceria.

Mr. Elsley had been an elder at Norfolk Street United church for a number of years.

He is survived by his widow, the former Edith R. Sherwood, four children, Mrs. R. J. McKay (Vivian) of Willowdale, Mrs. R. T. Menally (Betty) of London, Mrs. R. R. Taghla (Shirley) of Kitchener, and John, who is in his first year at the University of Western Ontario; seven grandchildren, and his father.

The funeral was in Guelph on Friday, followed by interment in Ebenezer cemetery.

LIMEHOUSE

Hall Well Filled For Entertainment

A well filled hall turned out to enjoy a splendid annual Christmas entertainment presented by Mr. Lawson and her 44 pupils at S.S. No. 9, aided by Mr. Crawford Douglas, music instructor. Mr. C. Clarke was chairman for the evening.

There were carols, piano solos by Bill Sanford and Gloria Latimer, verses of welcome, dialogues, square dancing by grades two, three and four, the mamba by one group ending with a performance by two disjointed horses, highland dancing by Ann Briggs, songs by small groups, recitations, and so on, all ending with a farewell in unison. Santa arrived and in a very capable manner assisted in distributing oranges and candy and gifts from what must have been a very well filled sack.

Christmas Services

Christmas services were observed at Limehouse Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon with special numbers by a junior choir under the direction of Mrs. H. Norton and a piano number by Mrs. J. Roughley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyr, Clarke attended the silver wedding anniversary of her parents at Brampton last Tuesday evening.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown in the passing of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Switzer on Sunday evening.

Mrs. R. Patterson spent last week with the A. C. Pattersons. Birthday greetings to her on celebrating her 86th birthday on Monday December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith visited at Schomberg on Sunday.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. N. George and two little children to the village. They are living in the Brown cottage, 47th line, having previously lived at Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lane and Mr. Ernest Gueran of Toronto were with Mrs. Lane and the H. Norton on Sunday.

May we wish the Editor and his staff Merry Christmas Greetings!



Acton High School News

By Nell Bonson

Well, Christmas is over for another year and marks the beginning to trundle back to school which we all hope will not be too bad!

As the holidays are approaching, we held our Christmas party on Wednesday morning. There was carol singing first and then dancing, both round and square. Gifts were distributed to the different classrooms. A merry Christmas in everyone and holidays of family began.

In behalf of the staff and students of Acton high school I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

School is dismissed until January 3, 1955. We will be seeing you then.

CAMPBELLVILLE Wins Top Honors In Public Speaking

Miss Lois Inghit won top honors in Brookville Hall for the public speaking contest of Nassagaweya township. Her subject was "Why I am proud to be a Canadian." She will compete in the Halton County contest early in January.

Mrs. James Roberts is home from a two month illness in the hospital. Miss Garrod and Mr. Trowbridge held a most successful Christmas concert with the S.S. No. 10 pupils in St. David's Presbyterian auditorium. They are to be congratulated.

St. David's Sunday school concert was held in the basement Monday evening with a good attendance and a varied program.

Sympathy is extended to Rev. Porritt who suffered a broken wrist recently.

Mrs. Lyons, sister of Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, returned home to the west for Christmas.

The Campbellville correspondent extends to all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OBITUARY Town Line Farmer For Over 50 Years

After a lengthy illness, William L. Johnston of Trafalgar town line passed away at the General Hospital, Hamilton, on December 13. He was in his 82nd year.

Mr. Johnston was born at Ponton, Cumberland, England, the son of the late John and Isabella Johnston. In 1888, Mr. Johnston came to Canada. For the past 54 years he farmed on the town line and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Rev. J. N. McFaul, minister of Omagh Presbyterian church, officiated at the funeral service held at the MacNab and Sun Chapel, Milton, on December 15.

Burialbearers were Howard Gowland, Jack Jall, George Marshall, Stuart McFadden, Earl Snow and Gerald Garbutt. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Milton.

Surviving Mr. Johnston are sisters Miss Sybil Johnston and Mrs. Surran Janet of Preston, England; brother George Johnston of Spanish, Ontario, and Frank Johnston of Toronto.

New Trust Firm In Halton County

A two million dollar trust company will begin business in Acton, Ontario, in the new year with a board of directors comprised of prominent local businessmen. It was registered last month in the name of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company.

Among the directors is Dr. Carl Martin of Milton. The others are: Brig James A. Roberts, Oswald E. Manning, Angus McMillan of Oakville and Alan B. Nicholson of Burlington.

New names will likely be added to the board by January. Brig Roberts stated he said the company is currently awaiting its charter. When granted, land offices will be established in Oakville.

Brig Roberts said, eventually, it is planned to open branches throughout Halton and Peel counties.

He said the company has been an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, although the amount has not yet been subscribed.

Brig Roberts is Toronto based and was president of the company. He was also general manager of the Trust Company of the Bahamas. Previously he had charge of the banking department of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation of Toronto, and earlier was general manager of Gray and Bruce Trust and Savings Company at Owen Sound, Ont.

OSPRINGE Fell From Bicycle Now Recuperating

Friends of Gordon Thacker took line, who is a student at Everton school, will be pleased to learn he is recuperating at his home, following an accident on Thursday when he fell from his bicycle on the highway. Fortunately his injuries were broken, but he suffered some abrasions, cuts and a bump on the head.

Mrs. Gertie and Benard Walker of Hillsburgh, Mr. George Cruckshank of Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Martha Jackson.

Week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. Mard McCutcheon included Mr. and Mrs. Murray McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blakely, Mr. Leonard Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan, all of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grandy spent last week in Kitchener.

Mrs. H. R. Howard visited with relatives in Toronto for a couple of days last week.

Friends of Mr. George Young are sorry to learn he is suffering a severe infection in his thumb but hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher and Jerry spent the week-end with relatives at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Wm. Stubbington is holidaying with his daughter and son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Storey, at Napanee.

Miss Jean Howard of Toronto is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Compliments of the season to the editor, staff and readers of the Free Press.



Merry Christmas

In the true spirit of the Yuletide season, we wish you a rich abundance of health, happiness and contentment.

Family Outfitters

Mill St. Acton



GREETINGS

and all best wishes for the season

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Root HARDWARE

PHONE 16 ROCKWOOD



Happy Christmas

Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness.

THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF

BRADLEY'S MEAT MARKET



Best Wishes

To our friends and neighbors... greetings and sincerest wishes for the happiest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

Gord. McCutcheon

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You are cordially invited to join us for Christmas Dinner in the Elizabeth Room of the Royal Hotel, Guelph

Dinner served at 12:30, 3 and 6 o'clock

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\$2.25 PER PERSON MRS. CHIASSON

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



May your rosiest dreams of Christmas all come true and may you and yours enjoy the happiest New Year ever.

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