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**SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP)—Municipal council voted \$300 to help a service club (Lions) establish a library for school children.

**"GREY ZONE"**  
CALGARY (CP)—The field on which the Better Business Bureau concentrates is the "grey zone," in which slick operators stay barely within the law, said manager Allan Rose.

**O. A. C. Authority Disproves Aspirin Theory For Flowers**

The proper care of cut flowers during the Christmas season can greatly increase their life, says Prof. R. Goodwin-Wilson of the Horticulture Department, Ontario Agricultural College. The woody stems of such flowers

as roses, chrysanthemums and carnations should be cut at an angle as soon as the flowers are received, in order that the bases of the stems will not be blocked off from getting water. Only a quarter or half an inch need be cut off. To help remove air bubbles which plug the stems and cause early wilting, especially of roses, the stems should be placed in warm water of 100 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit (just above body temperature).

When the flowers are not needed for display, as at night, or if the home is empty, they can be made to last longer by moving them to a cool 42 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit, moist room.

To prevent the accumulation of bacteria which plug the stems of the flowers, chemical preservatives may be added to the water. These can be obtained commercially in a number of forms, or one may be made at home by dissolving one ounce of hydrochloric sulphate in one quart of water. Two teaspoonsfuls of this solution, together with a tablespoon of sugar in each quart of flower water, will be sufficient. An alternative is to change the water, fill the stems and rearrange the cut flowers each day. Contrary to popular opinion, aspirin will not increase the life of flowers, says the O.A.C. authority.

**CLOSER CHECK**  
HALIFAX (CP)—Game wardens and RCMP laid 104 charges for illegal hunting offences in October. The total for the first 10 months was 150, compared to 68 in 1954.

**HEAVY MOVEMENT**  
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Heavy dredging equipment owned by the federal public works department is being moved from Grand Falls to St. John's for overhaul and repair. Three tugs had the job of towing the scows and dippers.

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE DISTRICT NEWS**

Items of interest gleaned from the newspapers of the district

**Hydro Improves On Facilities With Erection Of New Building**

**Third School Reaches Specification Stage**

Excavating has started on a new hydro building in Georgetown. The building is being erected on property beside the post office purchased by the hydro commission from the Lions Club, and last used as a lacrosse field.

J. B. Mackenzie & Son are contractors. Their tender of \$59,170 was one of seven received for the job last fall.

The building is part of a major program of extensions and improvements to the distribution system, which includes installation of a 5000 kva sub-station and the purchase of rural distribution facilities involved in the Delrex annexation.

The \$338,940 program, which has been approved by Ontario Hydro, will be financed from the proceeds of a debenture issue, available funds and funds estimated to become available, according to chairman E. W. Hinkley.

**Self-Expression With New Toys**

The "do-it-yourself" trend that has families buying, deservating and altering their homes themselves has spread to Christmas toys with the object of encouraging self-expression in the small fry included in the list of toys on the Christmas market were real food kitchens with stoves that cook for the future mothers and everything for the boys to construct from a 72 piece house to a model of an atomic submarine.

Along with the jet planes and modernized building projects, emphasis is placed on hobby kits for reproducing famous historical trains, old-fashioned and foreign cars, along with models of the Clipper ships of the 19th century. All these, according to Melvyn Freed, president of the Toy Guidance Council, are designed to encourage children to build, assemble and create in fields related to household maintenance.

But if all the kids are busy working on their "self-expression," who is going to help dad run the train?

**Popcorn, Berries Replaced Nowadays**

When it comes to trimming the Christmas tree, you, like many others, probably have some very definite ideas of your own. If you haven't the following may prove welcome as well as practical.

The trend seems to go, as always, towards as large a Christmas tree as the room will permit. The old-fashioned, floor-to-ceiling tree is still the standby in many homes, and, where space is available, a big tree is always most cheerful and Christmasy.

You may be one of those, fortunately who remembers the tree trimmed with garlands of popcorn or lots of cranberries or both. Maybe you will find a tree "bare" without a manger or toy skating scene beneath it to simply amplify your setting of Christmas.

To some extent the type and size of tree used depends on the section of the country. People in the north-east and east favor the big long-needed balsam, while the south and west prefer the southern and Douglas fir.

**Tips on Touring**

By Carol Lane

**Women's Travel Authority**  
Does it take extra coffee, extra heat and extra effort to get you started on a cold wintry morning? Then you should be able to understand the cold weather starting problems of your car.

Tricky and difficult starts are not only a strain on your temper, but a drain on your battery. Following a few simple rules will assure faster winter starts for cars equipped either with manual gear shifts or automatic transmissions, according to automotive experts. First, depress the clutch or put your automatic transmission in neutral. Secondly, push the accelerator to the floor once and release it before the engine and then hold the accelerator just a few days. Thirdly, press the starter. Finally, as the engine catches, hold the accelerator for a moderate idle. Next, release a cold engine.

If our car has a hand choke, pull the choke out all the way, start the engine and then push the choke back far enough so that the engine idles smoothly.

As further insurance against slow starts, keep your battery as full-charge as possible, since the major burden of turning over a cold engine falls on your battery. Also use the correct winter grade oil and grease to minimize your starting difficulties. If your car is parked out of doors during winter's changeable weather, you can avoid wet wires by coating all exposed ignition connections with a reliable waterproofing solution.

Anticipate your car's winter ailments and you can stop singing those "Can't get started blues."

**Boar's Head Feast 500-Year-Old Event**

Queen's College, Oxford University, has a Boar's Head Feast on Christmas Day, which originated in the story of a student who was attacked by a wild boar some 500 years ago, while studying Aristotle during a walk. He killed his formidable adversary by thrusting the volume down the animal's throat.

Today a paper mache head replaces the 90 pound specimen under the weight of which the attendants used to stagger in bygone days, but the spirit of the ceremony remains unchanged. As the choir sings the last notes of a traditional carol, the head is placed on the table of the Provost, the Principal of the College. This Provost then presents the ornaments and emblems one by one to the choir boys and visitors, the solo singer receiving the orange.

**Tell Special Games For Children's Party**

Christmas is the season for parties for children, as well as adults. Interested in some timely children's games?

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and crannies around the house. At a given signal, everyone starts the hunt and gathers the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number of candies would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of the year, and cut out enough of these to go around. Paste them on stiff cardboard and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and begins putting the puzzle together.

The Christmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can unscramble the following: astra, erredend, eagll, dynea, goskiet, erte, trepsen, hupre, alsore and tuborb.

**BETTER LAMBS**

TRURO, N.S. (CP)—A carload of 200 western Canada lambs arrived here for distribution to buyers throughout the province. The breeding experiment aims to produce high quality market lambs.

**Halton Police Elect Officers**

The annual meeting of the Halton Police Association was held in the Nelson Township fire and police station. Representatives were present from all parts of the county. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Jack Jeffrey; Vice-president, Leslie Crawford; Burlington, secretary, John Phillips; Burlington, treasurer, John Phillips. The executive will choose the members of the committee at the first meeting in the new year.

Prior to the business meeting a turkey dinner was enjoyed, which was cooked and prepared by Sgt. J. J. Phillips. Ken Scott and Constable John Phillips.

**Off To Australia On Christmas Day**

Six Canadian Queen's Scouts and two leaders take off from Vancouver on Christmas Day via Canadian Pacific Airlines en route to the Australian Scout Pan Pacific Jamboree in Melbourne from December 28 to January 9. They are due back in Vancouver on January 27 and will enjoy a Scouting hospital in Vancouver and Honolulu while travelling to and from the Australian Jamboree.

Head of the Canadian contingent will be K. E. Mareson of Kootenai County, N.S., Assistant Provincial Commissioner for 1955, active in Scouting since 1922. Assistant Contingent Leader will be G. W. Crane, Vancouver, B.C., District Commissioner for Vancouver East Area, an active Scoutmaster since 1925.

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