

**Greetings...**  
 To our many friends and customers.  
 May your Christmas be merry and bright!

**SHORTILL SHEET METAL**

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As this year comes to a close, we want to express our thanks for your loyal patronage and our wish that your Christmas will be the most joyous you have ever known...

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**Membership Up, CCF Association Meeting Learns**

Halton C.C.F. Riding Association held its annual Christmas meeting in Burlington on Wednesday, December 14. Cards were played during the first part of the evening, followed by a short business meeting. A report on organizational work being carried on in Georgetown showed real progress and it was agreed that the same approach would be carried out in Burlington starting in January.

It was agreed that a literature distribution, covering the entire county, would be undertaken in the new year and plans were laid for raising the necessary money. A membership report showed the number of C.C.F. members in Halton to have reached a new high and a discussion took place on the best way of interesting the new members in doing active work.

Mrs. M. Pitney chaired the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. McIntosh. Mrs. H. Springer conducted a successful penny sale in which almost everyone won a prize. A Christmas sing song and lunch brought the evening to a close.

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**St. Alban's Annual Candlelight, Carol Service Held Sunday**

The annual candlelight and carol service was held last Sunday evening in St. Alban's Anglican church. The service began with the candlelighting ritual taken by the rector, the Rev. Evan H. Jones, at the altar. The lights were extinguished for the commencement of the altar ceremony.

In the centre of the altar was placed the Christ candle and from this candle the light was carried to the 12 other candles representing the 12 apostles of the church. The two acolytes were V. Bristow and L. Doby. From the altar candles, the light was carried to the standards attached to the pews in the nave of the church.

Following this, the junior and senior choirs sang the processional carol, Silent Night. The church was then lighted and the service proper began with the singing of a hymn. This was followed by the Bidding Prayer, read by the rector. Six scripture lessons based on Our Lord's Nativity were read.

Soloists were Mrs. F. Ganley, Miss M. Fountain and W. Cook. Special music by the choir included Nazareth, A Bohemian Carol, Ring, Ring, Merry on High and Night of Nights. The junior choir sang Bethlehem and Cradled All Lowly. The junior and senior choirs were under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Oakes, organist and choir mistress.

**BIG CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ATTRACTION**  
 All-Star  
**"RHAPSODY ON ICE"**  
 Presented by Guelph College Figure Skating Club at Memorial Gardens, Guelph  
 DEC. 28th and DEC. 29th at 8.15 p.m.  
 Tickets available at Memorial Gardens. Mail orders filled.  
 RESERVED RED \$2.00  
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**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**  
 Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendoline F. Clarke

Happy, happy Christmas, everyone! Isn't that a lovely greeting? Could there possibly be anything better? A Happy Christmas is all-embracing. It includes everything—having those you love around you; the joy of giving and receiving all those personal gifts that mean so much to friends and families; Christmas music, Christmas fare, Santa Claus, a gaily decorated tree, the laughter and chatter of little children; contentment and a look of remembering in the grandparents' eyes. And back to the main event, the Christmas tree, the Christ Child's birth, without which we would not now be celebrating this joyous season.

As I sat down to write this column, I wondered, for a moment, what I could say that would be different some special way of expressing my good wishes to all of you for this Christmas season. And then I realized it didn't need to be any different there couldn't be anything better than just to wish you a Happy Christmas.

So there you have it, friends. To young and old, to farm folk and townfolk; to readers near and far; to the hale and hearty, and to those less active but with a good spirit; and to those whose joy is tinged with sadness because of those no longer able to spend Christmas with them. In such cases wouldn't it help to remember to many, many Chrismasses when you were all happy together? Of what benefit are the good times unless we carry along happy memories to help us with the days when skies are not quite so blue?

And now may I visit in your home for a few minutes and in my imagination chat with you awhile? Maybe you have been busy in the kitchen, stuffing the festive bird, Goose, turkey, duck or a few pound chickens. Doesn't it really matter, does it? They all have that same Christmassy aroma when they are sizzling in the pan. Of course, you think you will never

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The deputy reeve took the chair when council members expressed the thanks of the council for the courteous and impartial manner in which he presided over the meeting of council during the past year.

A by-law to license the keepers of lodging houses, nursing homes and boarding schools was passed.

G. C. Brown and Murray Coles were appointed as township members of the North Halton High School District.

The treasurer was instructed to pay Wilfrid Bird \$400 for his services as reeve. Book accounts amounted to \$4,778.70.

Claims for foxes destroyed were paid to Harold Campbell, Stanley Morris, Harvey Garvin, R. Drew, John Ruddle, William Sheppard, Ted Blund, John Chisholm, Frank Jones, Edward Brown, H. Beers, R. H. Mitchell, John Veils and Edward Robertson. Of this, William Sheppard was paid \$3 for 11 foxes.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**GREETINGS at CHRISTMASTIME**

May your Holidays ring with joy and laughter, and may Christmas bring you the best of everything!

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Here's wishing you a joyous and glorious Christmas time!

**FRANK'S GROCERY**

**Greetings**

Just a light hearted greeting to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Holiday Season that's cheery and bright.

**WHITHAM'S GARAGE**