



LIMITED

CCF Association Meeting Learns

the first part of the evening, follow by a short but s 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 now year and plans were laid for raising the necessary money, A member trip 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. Pinney chaired the meet ing in the absence of the president, Mrs. Meintosh. Mrs. H. Springer conducted a successful penny sale in which almost everyone won ; prize. A Christmas sing song and lunch brought the evening to

Robt. R. Hamilton Fred A. Hoffman

OPTOMETRISTS

(Formerly E. P. Head)

58 St. George's Square

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To all our Friends and Customers a Very Merry Christmas and



The annual candlelighting and carol service was held last Sunday Halton C.C.F. Riding Association evening in St. Alban's Anglican held its annual Christmas meeting church. The service began with in Burlington on Wednesday, Dec- the candlelighting ritual taken by ember H. Cards were played during 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 two acolytes were V. Bristow and L. Duby. 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. Mis- M. Fountain and W. Cook. Special music by the choir included Nazareth, A Bohemian Carol, Night of Nights. The junior choir choirs were under the direction of choir mistress.

> **BIG CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** ATTRACTION All-Star

"RHAPSODY ON ICE"

Presented by Guelph College Figure Skating Club

Memorial Gardens, Guelph DEC. 28th and DEC. 29th at 8.15 p.m.

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

Happy, happy Christmas, every one! Isn't that a lovely greeting the 12 apostles of the church. The Could there possibly be anything better? A Happy Christmas is allembracing. It includes everything having those you love around yout the joy of giving and receiving all those little personal gifts that mean so much to friends and families; Christmas music, Christmas fare, Santa Claus, a gaily decorated tree, the laughter and chat ter of little children; contentment and a look of remembering in the grandparent's eyes. And back of it all that consciousness of Christ Child's birth, without which we would not now be celebrating

this joyous season. A4 I sat down to write this col umn, I wondered, for a moment what I could say that would Ring. Ring. Merrily on High and different some special way of expressing my good wrshes to all of sang Bethlehem and Cradled All you for this Christmas season And so hoping you'd have a tree" Test Lowly. The junior and senior their I realized it didn't need to be taught me a lesson. How let down different there couldn't be any John would have felt if I hadn't Edward Robertson Of the c. Wil Mrs. F. G. Oakes, organist and thing better than just to wish you made that extra effort" a Happy Christmas.

So there you have it, friends to young and old; to firm foil and townsfolk; 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 tinged with sadness because of those no longer able to spend

Ohristmas with them. In such case wouldn't it help to remember the many, many Christmases 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" Maybo you have been busy in the kitchen, stuffing the festive bird Goose, turkey, duck or a five paind chicken -- it doesn't really matter, does it? They all have that same Christmassy aroma when they are sizzling in the pan Of

have everything ready for Christmas Day. But you will, you know, Refiring Reeve you always do, so don't wear yourself out with needless worry. I noticed as I came in the door your lovely decorations of cedar and pine; that nice evergreen wreath on the door -and your lovely centrepiece so quaint . . . drift wood, isn't it? How nice of the boys to hunt you such an artistic piece of wood: " May I see Christmas tree? How do I know you have one? I'm, ju-t sure of it. that's all you're the Christmas tree type. Do you know, I was talking to a middle-aged couple the other day who expect to spend Christmas alone quite a distance from here. "Now promise me," I said, "you

you?" (I was sure it would make them feel less lonesome.) "Yes," Mrs. - said, "we shall always have a Christmas tree, every year as long as I live. One year I thought we wouldn't bother. It was during the war. Both our boys were on active service. It seemed silly to set up a tree just for our selves. And then, late on Christ nyis Eve I changed my mind insisted my bu band bring me home a tree. He did and I trim med it as gaily as I could with lights and decorations left over frem happier years. And then, would you believe it, on Christmas morning, John walked in unan nounced on a 48 hour leave. His first words warmed my heart "O! mother, you've got a tree !

15 you see, folks, you never know what a tree may mean to somebody el e perhaps to a new cemer to Canada a stranger in a strange land. For him it might well relieve the sting of homesickness Now lot me see your tree. Ah.

beautiful! May I turn on the light." Aren't they pretty" You know, 11 could sit for an hour just water ing-the gaily colored lights on a Ohristmas tree My, such mysterions looking parcels. Not all there yet? Never mind, they will be it doesn't take long to wrap a few parcels. Now that bird is prepared for the oven, the worst is over Oh these beautiful roses' From Mary who is too far away to get home What a lovely thought You know. so many grown up children think up such nice things to do for their parents. Maybe new they are older they realize how important it was to Mother and Dad to see them have a happy Christmas

Remember how the little ones, then, expressed the firm's apprecourse, you think you will never fired with play, would sit quietly lation of their loyalty and service on your lap, while you read them and as a memento of the occasion, stories from Hurlbut's Story of the presented each with a gold watch, Bible? Yes, that book was one of suitably inscribed, to record their their favorite presents for many 15 years' continuous record. years to come, want it'

There now, I do declare, you look rested already Sitting quetly by the Christman tree watching the twinkling lights was good for good.

And no more work; tonight, land are under cultivation. mind you. Tomorrow some of the or disaster. That family of yours would sooner do without a few Of the four Atlantic provinces, trimmings than have mother too Newfoundland has the largest artired to enjoy Christmas

Dinner Host Accounts, an appointment and a new by law occupied the members

of Esquesing council when they met at Stewarttown on December 15. Members met in the morning and adjourned at noon when they were entertained with officials, employees and guests at a dinner given by the retiring reeve. Wilfrid Bird. The meeting was continued in the afternoon.

The deputy-reeve took the chair will have a Christmas tree, won't 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 servides as reeve Road accordes amounted to \$4,778 70

Claums for foxes destroyed were paid to Harold Campbell, Stanley Morrison, Harvey Garvin, R. Drew. John Ruddell, William Sheppard, Ted Bladd, John Chisholm, Frank Jones, Edward Brown, H. Beers, R H. Mitchell, John Verlis and ham Sheppard was paid \$33 for 11

Accounts resulting from the election, for fence viewers, the fire area, maintenance and clerical work, were also passed.

Three Receive

A short informal gathering was held at Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Ltd. on Friday, December 16, to mark 15 years continuous service with the firm on the part of three employees.

Vice president K L Markon reminded L. Wieck, J. Brydon and Mrs. V. Harris that they had started working at Wool Combing in 1940, shortly after he had selected the Acton premises as the site for the new plant he was organizing They chatted for a while about old times and Mr. Markon

Sees Big Future

VICTORIA (CP) British Colum bia will-have 3,000,000 acres of you. Come now I'll help you clean new land under cultivation withup in the kitchen, then you'll be in 40 years, William McGillivray, all through when the boys come deputy minister of agriculture, back from town Sure. I'll have a said here Most of this will be in cup of tea with you Do us both the Peace River and in the interior. At present 1,500,000 acres of

He said much of the expansion family will be here they'll help in the north will result from the you with the last minute jobs extension of the Pacific Great Afraid you'll, forget something | Eastern Railway into the Peace What if you do it won't be a maj. River area from Prince George.





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FRANK'S GROCERY



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

BOWLING LANES WHITHAM'S GARAGE