

Fire Insurance, Class Lighting New Teacher Concerns of Board

Receipt of \$31,197.45 in payment for damages incurred in the recent school fire was reported to the Acton Public School Board at its regular meeting held Thursday evening of last week in the public school. The board will use the amount to reduce the debenture debt on the new M. Z. Bennett school, now under construction.

HALTON MANOR

Santa Claus Visits Residents Twice; Seasonal Services Begin

An evening of entertainment that was genuinely informal but all the more delightful for it, was presented for the residents of Halton Manor in the dining room of the Manor on Monday evening, December 11. The visitors were about 25 members of the South Peel Choral Society and the House Brothers orchestra. The South Peel Choral Society was formerly known as the Lakeview Choral Society and under this name, it had given two concerts at the Manor in former years. The Society had been accompanied by the House Bros orchestra in these previous concerts also. This year the Society has as its president, Mrs. A. Mole, who was one of the group who came.

When the ladies, gowned in floor length evening gowns in pastel shades and white lace jackets and wearing Christmas corsages, followed by the gentlemen in white jackets, black trousers and black bow ties, had taken their places in the dining room, they were given a warm welcome by Mr. Eric Clarke, the superintendent of the Manor. Mr. Clarke then called on Mr. Neil Matheson to act as chairman for the evening.

Mr. Matheson proved to be a very capable and witty chairman and as the result of his efforts, there was much merriment among the visitors and residents. Before calling on the first group for the first group of selections, Mr. Matheson read a short poem called "If," which described the aims and objectives of the South Peel Choral Society and the House Bros orchestra in presenting concerts of this kind.

The Choral Society and the orchestra then proceeded to give a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable example of the aims of the Society as described above. They were under the leadership of their very capable and genial conductor, Mr. J. Salmers. Luke played the piano accompaniments for the choral numbers in very expert fashion and Mr. Salmers played the piano for the orchestra.

The choir and the orchestra alternated their groups of musical selections in the various of music. The choir, led by Mr. Salmers, sang both sacred and popular numbers appropriate to the Christmas season. The orchestra played some stirring square dance music, with a witty commentary by Mr. Steve House. The orchestra had as its members, Mr. Steve House, playing the violin; Mr. Art Foster, playing the Hawaiian electric guitar; and Mrs. Salmers, who played the accordion for some numbers and the piano for others. It was an especially enjoyable moment for the residents when the choir sang "The Christmas Carol" number. Mr. Norman Wiggers played the "bones" in several of the selections and danced a clog dance.

Just prior to the last group of choral numbers, the visitors and the residents joined in the singing of several Christmas carols, with the chairman, Mr. Matheson, as leader.

The last group of choral numbers began with the singing of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and ended with the song, "Calling Santa Claus." During the singing of the latter song, the merry old saint dressed in a bright red suit and plentifully adorned with very white whiskers, made his entrance. He produced from his bag several amusing gifts for Mr. Clarke, Mr. Wiggers and some of the choir members. Then as the choir sang, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," Santa's helpers presented a bag containing fruit and candy to each resident, and a speech of thanks by Muriel Thompson brought this heart warming and entertaining concert to a close.

This is the third wonderful concert that this generous group of musicians has given at the Manor and their efforts are very much appreciated by the residents, who hope that they will come again soon.

After a rest of a few days, Santa Claus came again to the Manor on Saturday evening, December 9. He arrived just as the residents were finishing supper and proceeded to present a most attractive basket containing fruit, candy and fruit cake to each resident.

Santa looked very smart in his red suit and white whiskers, and appeared to be quite rested and happy after his brief afternoon downtown at the Christmas parade. At the Manor, he had four very

LIMEHOUSE Mrs. A. W. Benton Institute Hostess

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