

Christmas of 75 Years Ago Still Emphasized Family Life

A Christmas of 75 years ago differed in some ways from a Christmas of the present and in some other ways, the change has been almost negligible. People change, places grow or diminish, ways of life are altered greatly by advances in science and the arts; but Christmas, or rather the methods of celebrating it, hasn't changed to any great degree.

Today, as in 1881, the emphasis placed upon a family gathering around the festive board is the same. In 1881, the trip home was made by sleigh or wagon or if it was a great distance, by train. Today distances are covered by cars, airplanes, buses or airplanes, but the compelling factor is the same: home for Christmas.

Preparations for the holiday season are still quite similar; the bustle and bustle of Christmas shopping; the gaily decorated stores and the air of joy and cheer pervading within and surrounding the multitudes of shoppers; the newspapers crammed full of advertisements proclaiming the quality of goods at this store or the savings to be had at that store.

It is at this point the first great dissimilarity occurs: the type of goods offered and the prices paid. Items such as moustache cups, gentlemen's and ladies' companions, china motto cups, are no longer offered for sale on the general retail market. Also, in 1881, it was very rare for the ladies to buy a ready-made dress and as a consequence, they were not readily available. Rather, yard goods of silk, cotton and wool were offered and usually could be preferred to make her own.

Mens ready-made suits, citing an example of the price range, were selling for \$9.50, yard goods of silk were retailing at 45 cents per yard with velvet priced at \$3.00 a yard. Compared with prices of today, it seems the man of the last century was very fortunate but it must be remembered salaries averaged about \$35 per month.

But Christmas isn't based on a cash basis, now or back then. A gift from a loved one means the

same whether it costs 5 cents or \$100. Then, as today, the little things make Christmas what it is: a time for all men to unite, regardless of social, economic or racial differences, in paying homage to the One responsible for us all.

Members of Lodge Assist at Funeral

Pallbearers and flower bearers at the funeral of the late Fred Hunter Wednesday of last week were all members of the Orange Lodge.

Pallbearers, from L.O.L. 467, Acton, were P.M. Harry Gordon, P.C.M. John Fox, Master Ralph Denny, P.M. Jim Rolston, P.M. Reg Wilson and P.M. Archie Martin.

Carrying the floral tributes from Acton Lodge were P.C.M. Howard Masales and Bros. Green, Ivan Martin, Truman Spence, Jim Vickery, Al Leshman, Ed Mead, Bob O'Hara, Archie McDonald, Huey Wilkinson and Allan Gordon, from Georgetown, P.C.M. Fred McNally, P.C.M. Ernie Rawson and P.C.M. Joe Hall Sr.; from Campbellville, P.C.M. Jim Stokes, D.D.M. George Collins and Bro. Findlay.

STILL GROWING
STE. HYACINTHE, Que. (CP)—Value of building permits this year in this industrial town 38 miles east of Montreal has been estimated at \$2,684,450 compared with \$2,398,000 in 1955.

SELECTED PAINTING
WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. (CP)—A painting by Gordon Smith, West Vancouver artist, has been chosen to compete in the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation international competition at a Paris show.

Haltom
Youth For Christ
St. John's United Church Hall
GEORGETOWN
at 7.45 sharp
THIS SAT. NIGHT IS OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
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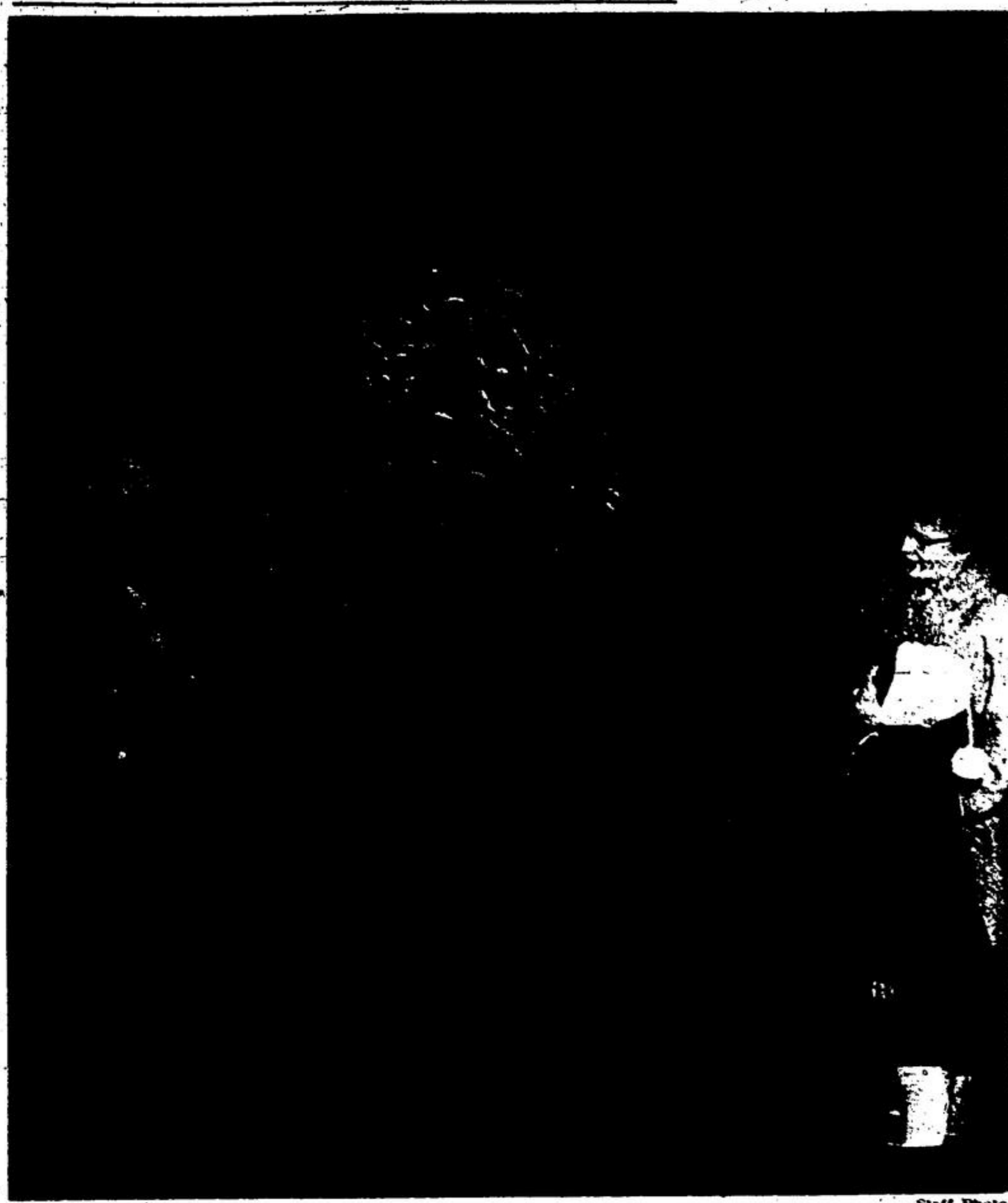
GREETINGS
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CHRISTMAS TREE SALES at the Y's Men's lot situated behind the Y.M.C.A. are booming according to recent reports. Little Pamela Ponceon, 6, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. Ponceon, inspect the tree they just purchased from Mansell Nellis.

S. Claus Guest At Baxter Party

About 85 employees of Baxter Laboratories were given gifts by special guest S. Claus at their annual Christmas party in the Legion Hall Thursday of last week.

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary catered for the delicious turkey dinner which was served. Harold Kinread said Grace.

Newt Hurst acted as master of ceremonies for the program which followed. Bill McCall led in a song. Plant employees formed an orchestra which played for singing and dancing with Mrs. J. Bradshaw at the piano, Eddie Hufnagel playing the banjo, Ted Freeman the violin, George Frackie the bass and Jack Pasma the guitar.

Santa—Ken Mann—distributed gifts which are exchanged each year.

The event was planned by committee members Mrs. George Hollinger, Mrs. Ham Peal and Don McMullen.

Brownie Packs Hold Induction

Acton Brownie Packs held induction services last Saturday afternoon in the United Church Sunday school.

Twenty-six girls took the Brownie pledge and 21 girls received golden bars, emblematic of good test work and a further step on the road to becoming girl guides. Service stars were also awarded to several Brownies in acknowledgment of a perfect year's attendance.

With the formation of another pack, Acton now has two packs. Leaders of Pack One are Mrs. John Boardman and Mrs. Eileen Taylor. Leading Pack Two are Mrs. Lester MacSwain and Mrs. Garnet McKenzie.

Present at the well attended ceremony was Mrs. Gordon Adams, District Commissioner, who was thanked by Mrs. Boardman for helping with the enrollment. Mrs. Boardman also extended season's greetings to all the Brownies and their parents.

Brotherhood Holds Business Meeting

A business meeting was held by the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen in the parish hall of St. Alban's church. Rev. E. H. Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$147.98 after some bills had been paid.

The president, George Lee, presided for discussion of several matters. Lapel buttons are to be purchased. Cards are to be sent to all members advising them of the date and time of meetings. A constitution committee was formed, comprised of George Barbeau and Bill Barratt.

Inter-parish visits are to be instituted if possible. A membership committee of Elmer Lasby, Vic Bristow and Ernie Slipp was set up. It was decided to have a chairman appointed for the sidemen for 1957 with a complete roster of all available sidemen compiled.

Miss M. Z. Bennett Returned President

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church met in the Sunday school room on Tuesday of last week with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. The president referred to the different passages of Christmas from the beginning of time.

A candlelight service with Mrs. J. Lidka, Mrs. G. Johnson, Mrs. G. Adams and Mrs. H. R. Bennett taking part, concerned stations of the United Church at North Korea, New Guinea, Malaya, Burma, Hong Kong and Canada.

The president vacated the chair and Mrs. A. Shoemaker read the report of the nominating committee for members for 1957, which was accepted and passed. Miss Bennett thanked the ladies for the co-operation that had been given to her and expressed her appreciation of the confidence placed in her and the other newly elected officers.

She also welcomed those who have not been able to be among the group for a while and Mrs. Carl, a former member who has returned to town. The meeting closed with prayer and several carols were sung.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Force and her group. Holiday greetings were exchanged to bring

the final meeting of 1956 to a close.

New officers of the W.M.S. are as follows: president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, first vice-president, Mrs. H. R. Force, second vice-president, Miss M. Mainprize, third vice-president, Mrs. B. Mowat, treasurer, Mrs. J. Lambert, assistant treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Denny, recording secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne, corresponding secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne, press, Miss E. Hawthorne.

Secretaries of Departments: associate members, Mrs. B. Vidhus, Mrs. J. Lambert, temperance, Miss D. Simmons, Christian stewardship, Mrs. G. Johnson; Missionary Monthly, Miss Fern Brown; pianist, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, Miss Fern Brown; literature, Miss M. Mainprize; community friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave; Baby Band, Miss C. Henderson; C.G.I.T., Mrs. Domm; Explorers, Miss Jean Rowe; Mission Band, Mrs. A. Ironside; representative, Board of Stewards, Mrs. F. Cleave; group leaders, Mrs. A. Shoemaker, Mrs. H. R. Force, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, Mrs. J. Lidka.

GROWING STEADILY
EDMONTON (CP)—More than 75 buildings have been erected at the new Akavik townsite in preparation for full-scale construction expected in the N.W.T. community next spring, a department of northern affairs official said here.

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