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IT TAKES MORE THAN TWO postal employees to keep up with the stream of letters, cards and parcels pouring in and out of the Acton post office. Even with the addition of four extra temporary

employees the staff has been working many extra hours a day. The employees pictured above, Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. Chris Britton, are in the process of placing mail in some local boxes.

HALTON MANOR

Party, Bus Trip, Service, Tea, Concert Highlight Busy Week

Staunch old friendships were renewed and pleasant new friendships formed at a delightful Christmas party given for the men and women residents of Halton Manor on Tuesday evening, December 11, by about 40 members of the Dublin Women's Institute and the Busy Bees Women's Institute. The group included the two presidents, Mrs. Wm. McIntyre of the Dublin W.I. and Mrs. O. Locker of the Busy Bees W.I. The party was held in the dining room.

In the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, who were attending the Warden's Dinner at Georgetown, Mrs. Mary Marrs of the Manor staff extended a warm welcome to the visitors. Greetings were brought from both Institutes by Mrs. McIntyre. Mrs. P. Kennedy was convener of the program committee. Mrs. George Robertson played the piano and led the singing for all the musical numbers in very gracious fashion.

From the opening song, How Do You Do, Everybody, in which personal greetings were extended especially to the men and women residents of the Manor who had come from Acton and district, to the last song of the evening, the program displayed great originality and variety. The ladies of the two Institutes formed a choral group for the singing of the Christmas carols and the humorous and friendly songs that delighted the audience.

The numbers by the Institute ladies singing as a choral group were interspersed with songs by six very attractive children. The children who sang were Lorna Macpherson, June Rennie, Joyce Rennie, Joyce Thomson, Shirley Langevin and Donna Rennie. They sang such friendly songs as Getting to Know You and also danced several folk dances expertly. In this part of the program, Mrs. George Robertson sang a very appealing solo, Galway Bay.

The visitors and the residents then had the opportunity of enjoying a community sing-song together, after which an amusing musical game was played. Six of the visiting ladies read parts of the Christmas story, each part being followed by the singing of a carol appropriate to the text. The musical part of the program was varied by two humorous readings, one by Mrs. Elmer Cox and the other by Mrs. Alec Near. There was much laughter and many a chuckle during these very funny readings.

At the close of the program, very attractive gifts were presented to the residents. Each lady received a dainty white handkerchief with a red, bonnet-like earflap and a bottle of perfume, and each man a handkerchief and a box of chocolates.

A delicious lunch of tea, sandwiches and fancy confectionery was then served. At the conclusion of this social period, a speech of thanks for such a wonderful evening was given by Miss Harriett Metcalfe and warmly applauded by all the residents, who hope that their friends of the Dublin W. I. and the Busy Bees W. I. will come again very soon.

Saturday afternoon, December 15, was a gala day for both the men and women residents of the Manor, for on that afternoon they were taken for their annual bus ride by the Oakville Council of the Knights of Columbus and entertained at afternoon tea afterwards in Holy Rosary Separate School by members of the Catholic Women's League of Milton.

Messrs. Roy White and Jack Martin were present to represent the Knights and Mrs. Strelbisky, the president of the Catholic Women's

League, was convener of the refreshment committee. About 25 residents boarded a chartered bus at the Manor at two o'clock and were taken for a pleasant ride to Rockwood and back. On the return trip, the bus stopped at Holy Rosary school, where the ladies of the Catholic Women's League had set up very attractive tea tables in one of the classrooms.

The residents were seated at these tables for the very delicious afternoon tea that was served. Before tea was served, however, Father Lardie said Grace and extended warm greetings on behalf of the hosts and hostesses. This was followed by the singing of Christmas carols and popular songs appropriate to Christmas by 12 very appealing little girls who had been trained by Sister Claudia, one of the teachers on the staff of the school.

A most appetizing and delicious afternoon tea of tea, Christmas cake, sandwiches and fancy confectionery was then served, at the close of which each gentleman was presented with a cigar while the women residents shared a box of chocolates.

The choir of young girls then sang a medley of carols and popular Christmas songs, at the conclusion of which a miniature Santa Claus, dressed in a bright red suit and cap and having the appearance that Santa must have had at six or seven years of age, danced into the room. Playing the name Mrs. Santa Claus, would be more appropriate in this case for the part was played by little Mary Rose Kelly.

Though small in stature, Mary Rose has an immense heart for she presented a gift to each resident present, the ladies receiving very dainty handkerchiefs with floral designs and the men two handkerchiefs each.

Mr. Roy White, speaking for the Oakville Knights of Columbus, thanked the ladies of the Catholic Women's League for having provided this very delicious afternoon tea, and Mrs. Brant, resident nurse at the Manor, expressed the thanks of the residents to the Knights of Columbus and to the ladies of the Catholic Women's League for such a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The enthusiastic round of applause that followed her speech and the many expressions of gratitude that were afterwards heard on all sides, showed the appreciation of all the visitors from the Manor for this outstanding and gala event.

Before leaving the school, the visitors had an opportunity to chat for a few moments with Father Lardie, pastor of Holy Rosary parish; Sister Emmanuella, Mother Superior of the convent and Sister Claudia of the school staff. They also viewed a beautiful Nativity scene in one of the classrooms.

The singing of Christmas carols and an inspiring sermon by Rev. D. A. Powell, rector of Grace Anglican church, Milton, provided an appropriate service for the second Sunday before Christmas on Sunday afternoon, December 16. Mrs. Ray Waters was the pianist for the musical numbers.

Mr. Powell's sermon was based on the Christmas story as told in chapter two of St. Luke's Gospel, which he had read as the scripture lesson. Mr. Powell pointed out that Christmas is not only for children but for all those who can come to it with child-like faith. Just as the promise of the coming of the Messiah brought joy to Israel for many centuries, so should His coming bring joy to us. Christmas is a family day and should be celebrated as such, provided its religious meaning is not forgotten. Joseph and Mary were constantly faithful to the laws of God and Jesus was born into a loving home.

By Christ's birth, we are asked to become sons of God and when this happens, Christmas becomes basically a condition of the heart and the mind.

Speaker Lauds Loyal Efforts Of Firefighters

Acton Firefighters held their annual ladies' night on Friday evening of last week at the Legion auditorium featuring an address by William O'Sullivan from the Fire Marshall's office of Ontario.

Following a dinner served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mr. Marshall addressed the members, commending them for their continued and loyal efforts and interest in the community.

Music for dancing was supplied by the Rhythm Ramblers to Acton with Mr. O'Sullivan and Les Duby acting as soloists.

It contained such old and familiar sea chanteys as Shenandoah, I'm Off for the Rio Grande and The Wallowing Window Blind. The second was a medley of songs of the early years of this century and of the First Great War, songs that will never die such as Tipperary, If You Were the Only Girl and Carry Me Back to Dear Old Blighty. The third medley was a series of well known Scottish airs grouped under the title of the Bonnie Briar Bush.

At one stage of the program, the audience, accompanied by the band, sang several Christmas carols.

Mr. Clarke, superintendent of the Manor, expressed the warm and sincere thanks of the very appreciative audience to Mr. Locksley and the band for having given the residents such an enjoyable and appropriate program.

The band had been brought to the Manor in a bus provided by the Town Council of Oakville, and this generous gesture is much appreciated.

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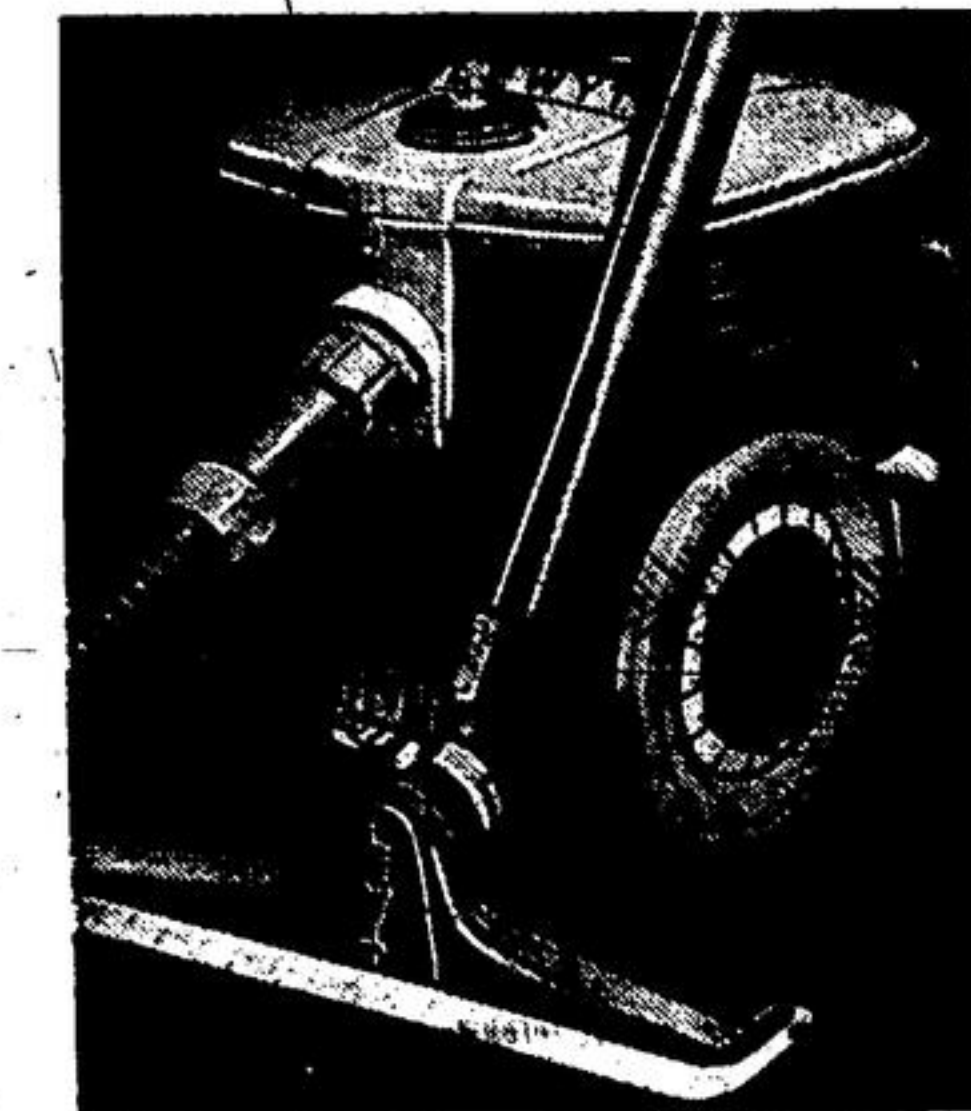
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