



TOP SPEAKER at the Acton High School last week Susan Wilson, grade 11 student is pictured with principal E. A. Hansen. Miss Wilson used the topic "Safety Takes Skill" and won over five other competitors. The contest was sponsored by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association.

Gathering Outside Holiday Decoration

At this time of year the woods are filled with potential Christmas decorations.

Graceful branches of trees and bushes bare of their leaves, pine cones and weeds of every description treated with an imaginative paint brush can become attractive Christmas tree ornaments, centre-pieces for party tables and favors for gift wrappings.

Three or four branches with lacy twigs will form an interesting table centre-piece. Coat the branches with aluminum paint and then see what artistic arrangements can be made with the silvery twigs. This centre-piece is suitable for any time of year but at this season, tiny Christmas trees, holly leaves or poinsettias can be cut from colored paper and attached to ends of the small twigs. Colored Christmas tree balls fastened to the twigs are gay and effective.

Large pine cones are made-to-order for Christmas tree decoration. A little white paint on the tips gives a wintry touch and brightens the green tree. For the front door, a cluster of these coned with a bright red bow offers a warm greeting to holiday guests.

Smaller ones are perfect for decorating parcels and are a pleasant change from the traditional ribbon bows. They can be painted white, gold, silver or any color to match the paper, and propped in twos or threes, depending on the size of the parcel.

Before painting cones or branches make sure they are free of sticky sap and are perfectly dry. Then a glossy enamel or aluminum paint can be applied with a small brush.

A family outing in the woods, followed by a painting bee can provide decorations for many Christmases to come.

Long Drop

Papa Noel, as Santa Claus is known in Brazil, is said to enter through the window, as many houses in that country have no chimneys.

Mr. Claus Treats 80 Children At Dublin School Concert Friday

With teacher Mrs. Marjorie Britton wearing a costume of pink pom-poms, pupils of Dublin school presented their Christmas concert at the school on Friday evening. The room was filled for the program presented by the grades one, two, three, four and five pupils who attend the school, assisted by some from the area who attend other schools due to overcrowding. All the pupils joined in singing choruses.

There were two plays on the program. *Jennie's Secret* starred Susan Perry and Wayne Leach.

Children from all grades took part in *Baragan Day* at the Gallery, depicting the studio of a busy photographer, Chris Krausendok.

Dancing was combined with singing when several girls, all in ankle-length blue crepe paper dresses, swayed to the tune of *Alice Blue Gown* beside an arbor decorated with crepe paper roses. Christine Foyers sang the solo.

Heather Levlund played a piano solo and sang a duet with her sister Janice.

Susan Perry, dressed as a boy, amused the audience with "Santa

Boys' Mr. Claus, "Claus Team" Other guests were Kelly O'Rourke, Donna Romanik and Joyce Hennick.

The president of the Dublin Home and School Association, Mr. Newton gave a monologue. Charlie Cutts acted as Mr. Mrs. George Robertson was accompanist.

Gifts were exchanged and Santa Claus had 80 bags of candy which he gave out. The mothers served lunch to about 170.

Columnist Criticizes Acton Sport Spirit

The regular sports columnist of the Milton weekly newspaper, *The Canadian Champion*, has a sharp word or two to say in Acton's direction.

Bruce Hood in his Sports Ramblings column wrote last week:

"The town of Acton can't even get enough players out for a team in the Junior Farmer League... it's no wonder they haven't got artificial ice yet."

Solve Gift Problem in Kitchen With Candies, Cookies or Jams

The problem of a little Christmas gift for neighbors and friends can be solved right in the kitchen. A mixture of favorite candies, cookies or even jams, gaily packaged for the occasion, would be appreciated by its receiver more than anything stores can offer.

Instead of wrapping these kitchen treats in ordinary boxes, use a polythene refrigerator dish, a small mixing bowl or some other brightly colored plastic container that can earn its keep long after the contents have disappeared. Wrapped in transparent film and tied with a pretty ribbon, this makes a most attractive yet practical gift.

Here is a candy recipe that might be included in the gift from the kitchen.

Chocolate Cream Cheese Fudge

1 1/2 lb. pkg. cream cheese
2 1/2 cups sifted icing sugar
2 1/2 oz. squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1/2 tsp. vanilla
Dash of salt

Cream the cheese until soft and smooth. Slowly blend in the sugar. Add the melted chocolate and mix well. Add the vanilla and salt and mix until well blended. Press into a well greased shallow pan to the depth of half an inch. Place in the refrigerator until firm (about 15 minutes).

A few drops of red food coloring and a quarter teaspoon of peppermint can be used instead of the chocolate to make a peppermint fudge. To make an interesting assortment spread the peppermint fudge on top of the chilled chocolate fudge and place in the refrigerator for another 15 minutes then cut into squares.



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