HALTON MANOR

Concert, Matron's Party, Bus Trip Candlelight Service Yule Events

A visit with old friends from the Port Credit-Cookville district furnished a great deal of pleasure for the residents of the Manor on Monday evening, December 7, when the South Peel Choral Group came to the Manor to present their annual Christmas concert. There were 20 ladies and gentlemen in the group including the president, Mrs Good Neil Matheson proved himself to be, as always, a witty and capable chairman.

Jerry Salmers conducted the group in his usual talented fashion and Mrs J Coates was the accomplished pianist for the choral numbers. The program was a musical one with the choristers singing several groups of Christmas songs and carols. Interspersed among these were some old time violin selections played by Sharon House with Mr Salmers playing the piano and the Manor's own, Norman Viggers the bones.

An amusing interlude occurred when Tom Maynard dressed in a long cotton night-shirt and night cap, recited the famous Christmas poem, 'A visit from St Nicholas.' Towards the close of the program, Mr Matheson expressed his intention of going out to seek Santa Claus. In a short while Santa Claus, who looked for all the world like a twin brother of Mr Matheson, entered the room and began to distribute gifts from his pack.

Special gifts were given to Mrs D Howard, Nodman Viggers, Mr Salmers and Mr Maynard, while each resident received a cellophane bag containing fruit and candy. The program came to an end at this point with the group singing "We wish you a Merry Christmas."

Cookies and cold drinks were served during a social hour that provided the residents with an opportunity to visit with these staunch friends from South Peel.

Candlelight Service

A program of Christmas poetry and music and a candlelight service, both of which were very reverent and inspiring, were presented on Tuesday evening, December 8, by 12 members of the Evening Auxiliary of St Paul's Church in Milton and two ladies from Kilbride. To open the program, the president, Mrs A Woodley brought greetings from the Auxiliary, read a little Christmas poem and offered prayer.

The program was then handed over to Mrs E Foster who took the part of the leader in the Christmas worship service. The theme this year was 'The Babe of Bethlehem' and was presented in song, prose and poetry. Mrs H Gorley of Kilbride accompanied by Mrs L Mc-Neil at the piano sang several very Carols. Miss Myrtle Field and Mrs J Green read portions of scripture that described the Nativity. Miss Margaret Gemmell read with beautiful expression, the story of 'The Black Madonna'.

A most impressive candlelight service followed this program, called 'The Gifts of Christmas.' It was carried out with the lighting of six candles each representative of a great spiritual gift that came into being with the Nativity. The candles and the gifts for which they stood were lighted and described by the following ladies: Light, Mrs Faith, Mrs E B Clements; Hope, E Foster; Joy, Mrs R McKim; Mrs N Pickett; Love, Mrs Don Gregg; Eternal Life, Mrs M Trethewey.

After a gracious speech of thanks by Mrs Maud Smith, refreshments of fruit bread, donated by the visitors and cold drinks were served. Mrs E Foster made the social hour especially pleasant by playing several selections on her violin.

Movie Night

Wednesday night, December 9, was movie night again, with Mr Allen showing three films. The first film, Industrial Canada, showed some of the leading industries that have made Canada the sixth greatest industrial nation in the world. The second film, sailors of the Queen, in beautiful color, described the part played by sailors, ships and naval aircraft of the Royal Canadian Navy at the Coronation of our Queen and in subsequent Naval Review. The third film, Across Arctic Ungava, depicted the first expedition to be carried out across a certain section of Ungava with object of obtaining specimens of minerals, soil structure and other natural resources.

First Matron's Party

A most delightful innovation in the line of entertainment occurred at the Manor on Thursday afternoon, December 10, when the first Matron's party ever to be given at the Manor was conducted by Mrs. Earl Mongraw, the Matron. With the aid of a few close friends, Mrs Mongraw planned, conducted and provided for the entire party. The friends who helped her were Mrs. Ledwith, the organist at the Grace Anglican Church, who acted as pianist, Mrs R McCuaig, a member of Grace church choir, who sang several solos and led the community singing, Mrs G Morley, the president of the afternoon branch of the Grace Church W A and Mrs Beatty, a member of the same branch.

Mrs Mongraw had provided a microphone for the party and it used throughout the afternoon. To open the program, Mrs McCuaig led the residents in the singing of a carol and then sang a very fine solo. The Birthday of a King. The presentation of a gift to Mrs Mongraw was made by Hilda Marcy on behalf of herself and some of the women residents.

A very amusing skit on a surgical operation was presented next with three staff members taking parts. Mrs Edith Winney as the patient, B. Shrubsole and J Horn as the surgeons and with Mrs Mongraw giving a humorous commentary as the operation proceeded.

Hilarious Skit

Mrs. McCuaig then sang a second solo and this was followed by a hilarious skit, The Bachelor's Reverie. The part of an elderly bachelor, dreaming, on the eve of his marriage, of the various women in his life was played by Jim Begley. His various sweethearts were played as follows: School-days sweetheart, Mrs E. Dixon; College sweetheart, Ingrid Bendix; Clementine, Mrs. C DeGabrie; Irish girl, Mrs M VanGrunsven; Strawberry blonde, Mr Finnigan; Demure young miss, Mrs F Dornauer; Old maid next door, Harry Rogers; the bride of tomorrow, Pat McKay; the Minister, Mrs. Muriel Gray; Intruders, Mrs. O. Howard and Mrs. M. Muller.

A lovely rendition of Silent Night was given as a vocal trio by Wilberdien VanGrunsven, Mary DeGabriel and Lynne Gundlack. Mrs. McCuaig sang another solo and then Wilberdien and Lynne sang as a duet, O Come All Ye Faithful.

To the music of the Glowworm, Mary DeGabriel, dressed in a very pretty ballet costume danced a very graceful ballet dance. The program came to a close with all those present joining hands and singing Auld Lang Syne. At this point speeches of thanks were given by Muriel Thompson and Hugh Denison for the women and men residents respectively.

Christmas Favors

The supper, which followed the program, was most attractive and delicious. The tables covered with special Christmas tablecloths were decorated with red and green candles and artificial poinsettia plants. Each resident found a special Christmas favor, a tiny paper basket containing candy, at his or her plate. A delicious salad supper was served and after enjoying such an amusing afternoon, everyone did it ample justice. After supper a number of residents remained for an hour of bingo games. When they came to an end and Mr. Mongraw, having arrived in the meantime, those present sang with complete accord "For they are jolly good fellows", thus ending a very rewarding Matron's party.

Tour by Bus

A social event, the pleasure of which is always eagerly anticipated and just as completely realized, took place on Saturday afternoon, December 12, when the annual bus ride arranged for the residents by the Oakville Knights of Columbus and the party that always follows it at Holy Rosary School, were enjoyed by a large number of men and women residents. The bus came to the Manor about two o'clock with two staunch friends of the residents aboard in the persons of Roy White and J. Markey, chairman and vice-chairman respectfully, of the Welfare Committee of the Oakville Knights of Columbus.

Under their supervision the bus took the residents for a ride to Oakville and Bronte and then brought them back to Holy Rosary School in Milton. At the school they were the guests of the Milton branch of the Catholic Women's League, about ten members of which were in attendance. The residents were placed at tea-tables which had been set up in a classroom and prettily decorated with tiny Christmas trees and artificial flowers. Mrs. H. Gundlack was the convener for this portion of the afternoon's entertainment.

When everyone was seated and before refreshments were served, the residents enjoyed a very rewarding program. Mrs. M. Merritt, the president of the C.W.L. in Milton extended greetings to the guests on behalf of the League. A small number of very small boys and girls captured the hearts of their audience by singing three songs, Ten Little Indians, Winter is Here and Be Careful, Little Eyes, with accompanying gestures.

Nativity Play

Then came an appealing Nativity Play with small boys and girls taking the parts of Mary, Joseph, the Angels, the shepherds and the three Wise Men. The children, all of whom played their parts extremely

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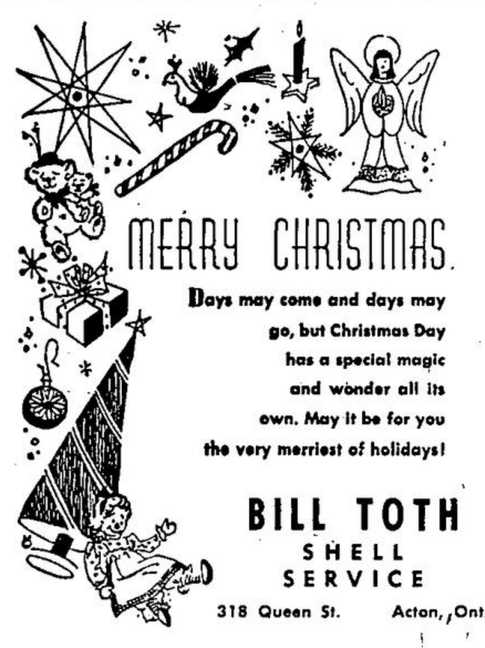

Days may come and days may go, but Christmas Day has a special magic and wonder all its own. May it be for you the very merriest of holidays!

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Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

When you write a weekly column, and Christmas is upon you, and you are just getting over the 'flu, and it's too late to do anything sensible except hit the sack, Satan lurks. "Ah", he smirks, "why don't you reprint one from last Christmas. They'd never know the difference."

Shortly after Old Nick has said his piece and the sinister sweetness of the idea is soaking in, another advocate speaks up. From the bottom of the stairs, the Old Lady suggests, "Why don't you reprint an old Christmas column? Aren't you ever coming to bed? Nobody has time to read it, anyway, around Christmas. Besides, they'd never remember, they'd read it before. After all, it's not exactly deathless prose, you know."

I am proud to say that I sent them both on their way. Not that it wasn't a fine idea, if I'd had it myself. But I'll frequent the company of Old Nick when I feel like a fling, not when he does. And I'm too stubborn to admit that my wife has ever had a good idea in her entire existence.

It's difficult to write something sincere and original about Christmas because there is one story, repeated every year, that makes every other piece of literature about Christmas look feeble in comparison. So this year, I'm going to make it simple and just say "Merry Christmas" to a whole lot of people.

At a rough guess, there are about 250,000 people who read this column. At a dime each for cards and tuppence apiece for stamps, it would cost me $30,000 to send you all a card. After careful study, I decided not to do it. It isn't that I don't have the money. It's just the thought of licking all those stamps.

Obviously, it's pretty cheap to drop from $30,000 to a mere "Merry Christmas to one and all" in my column. So I'll have to single out a few, with the hope that they'll repeat it to all their friends, and all their friends will repeat it to all THEIR friends, until the whole English-speaking world is one great booming "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

So it's "Merry Christmas" to all my friends in the weekly newspaper business. Just for example: Fearless George Cadogan of the Durham Chronicle and his wife Elda; Gene Macdonald of the Glengarry News, the last of the big-time spenders; Pete and Leila Hvidsten of Uxbridge, the night-owls who publish the Times - Journal; Don McCuaig of the Renfrew Advance, biggest hunting and fishing liar north of the Rio Grande; Rev. John McNabb and Alison of the Alliston Herald, a clear case of the pulpit's gain being the newspapers' loss. And all you other characters.

To all the public relations boys who have suffered my presence with amiable, slightly frozen smiles, on occasion. Just for example: Ron Everson, whose poetry is as impeccable as his manners, as witty as his talk, as piercing as his eyes; Colin Haworth, whose drawings are as shaggy and interesting as his eyebrows, Tommy Lee, the last soft-spoken mayor in Canada; Paul Gormley, the most elaborately-disguised beatnik north of the St. Lawrence Seaway. And all the rest of you characters.

To those retired gentlemen whose letters are a great pleasure to receive, whose criticisms and encouragement are salutory and warming. Just for example. William Graham, retired railroader of Winnipeg, for his blasts of fresh air; Hugh Ferguson, former newspaperman, of Florida, for his clippings and comments; Andrew Galloway, retired banker, of Toronto, for his lively reconstruction of things past.

To all the odds and sods everywhere with whom I've consistently refused to exchange Christmas cards. Like Punchy, nice English lad who was in my squadron overseas. Got a card from Cornwall three years in a row and never answered. Like Tony of California, with whom I shared a hilarious and hazardous journey from Poland to the lovely sight of a Canadian tank and crew, complete with Sweet Caps, in Western Germany. And all the rest of you characters in Australia and Alberta, Belfast and Bulawayo. I never was much of a card-answerer.

To my brother, in Paramaribo, South America: "Deck the halls with boughs of mahogany, old boy." Haven't got around to answering your last four letters. Haven't got around to getting a present off for your son, my dear nephew. But we'll be thinking of you, sweating and racked by fever, as we sit down to our turkey in the middle of our crisp December day.

Finally, to all of you who read this column: may you know peace and joy on this Christmas, may you remember why you are celebrating this day, may I wish you, with all my heart, a merry Christmas.

Medical Educational Committee Report on Virus Pneumonia

With the onset of winter and its accompanying increase in the cases of common cold, a similar rise can be anticipated in the incidence of virus pneumonia.

The pneumonia, in which the elusive virus is involved, is called atypical or irregular, because it differs in pattern from other types of pneumonia. In lobar pneumonia, for example, the condition is caused by the invasion of bacteria into the lung and develops suddenly and dramatically. But virus pneumonia begins insidiously in the person who has had a simple cold for four to five days.

Such symptoms as nasal congestion, mild sore throat and general debility, which have not been considered severe enough to keep the patient in bed, will be followed with a generalized sensation of chilliness, a low-grade fever and a severe distressing headache. In addition there is a marked loss of appetite and, within a few days, a dry, hacking cough develops. The cough is often worse at night and is partially disturbing because it interferes with the patient's sleep and aggravates the persistent headache.

Poor Appetite

Fever usually varies from 100 to 103 degrees. The cough remains dry and tight for several days and finally a thin, watery sputum, which may be streaked with blood, is produced.

Virus pneumonia appears to be self limited, running a course of from ten days to two weeks, but convalescence is accompanied by days or weeks of continued poor appetite, marked loss of energy and extreme fatigue.

A virus infection may be considered to be a systemic disease in that it may invade many organs, but manifests itself to great degree in a single organ. For example, it is not uncommon for a patient to have symptoms of inflammation in the liver, or lymph nodes, before virus pneumonia develops.

Long Recovery

And, because of this systemic disease characteristic recovery is apt to be prolonged. Even after the inflammation has left the lung, and temperature has returned to normal, fatigue and loss of appetite may persist for weeks or months. In patients with known heart disease, or in elderly patients, this prolonged debility during the convalescent period places an added strain on the heart.

There are no known methods, vaccines or immunizing agents which prevent virus pneumonia. But if a cold persists, or if a cough becomes distressing with accompanying chills and fever, medical help should be sought immediately. While virus pneumonia does not carry a high mortality rate, the morbidity rate is severe. Weeks and even months of lassitude may be expected.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1959
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
10.00 a.m.—Bible Class (15 - 25 years).
11.00 a.m.—Old Year Service. "The Unchanging Christ in a Changing World."
Junior congregation (3 - 7) meets during sermon. Pre-nursery children cared for at the manse during the service.

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9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
You Are Always Welcome

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Pastor:
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.
113 Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1959
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—"I Am Come."
7.00 p.m.—"To This End Was I Born."
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
Thursday, December 31 — Watch-night Social and Service, 9 p.m. to midnight.
All Are Welcome

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Friday, December 25—Holy Communion in the church parlor.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1959
Services in the Y.M.C.A.
9.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10.00 a.m.—Sunday school for all ages.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship.
At both services, children under 5 are cared for in the Nursery.
Guest preacher: Rev. G. A. B. Moore of Rockwood.

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Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L.Th., S.T.B.
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The First Sunday after Christmas
Feast of St. John Apostle and Evangelist.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1959
8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Mattins.
MID-WEEK CELEBRATION
Friday, 1 January 1960, Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord
New Year's Day—10 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

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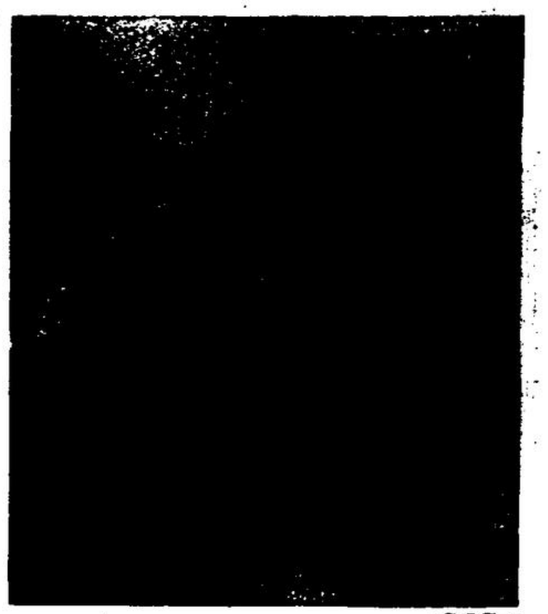
SUNDAY DECEMBER 27th, 1959
10.00 a.m.—English.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch.
"The Church of the Back to God Hour"



Staff Photo

JOLLY OLD ST. NICK took the limelight at the Beardmore Christmas party on Friday afternoon at the Robert Little Public School Auditorium, when he handed out gifts to employees' children. Pictured above having a conversation with Santa Claus are Anita and Paul Braida. The auditorium was jammed to capacity during the party.

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Westbound
10.27 a.m., 12.57 p.m., 2.37 p.m., 5.27 p.m., 7.27 p.m., 8.12 p.m., 11.25 p.m., 1.12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

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Standard Time
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Daily 6.44 a.m., Daily except Sundays 9.12 a.m. (Dayliner); 7.00 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 6.27 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11.44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8.30 a.m., 6.44 p.m.; Saturday only 2.22 p.m.; Sunday only 8.43 a.m. (Dayliner); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6.15 p.m.