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Canada has enjoyed a healthy, peaceful and fairly prosperous year for which her people are grateful. We have been spared many of the evils that cursed people in other countries. Still, she is passing away another landmark in the journey of life is one eminently calculated to stir the most poignant and cause the uplifted cup to tremble in the receiver's hand.

The New York papers have a sensational story about a plot to assassinate President-elect Harrison. The universal belief is that there is no foundation to it.

The statement of the finances of every respect satisfactory to the taxpayers. The assets which are shown to reach \$10,500 do not include the public library valued at \$1,500 and the public school buildings at \$5,500. On the other hand the total liabilities of the town including both town hall and cemetery debentures only amount to \$5,600 so that Acton has \$10,000 above liabilities, a very creditable showing for such a small municipality.

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RAINCAPES AND HATS were donned by this group as they sang and tap danced to the tune of "Singing in the Rain" at the Scottish Dance Club Christmas party recently. Front row left to right are: Susan Mills and Trevolyn Patrick, back row Ann Toth, Bonnie Armstrong and Susan McPhail. The girls are students of Miss Carol Wharton.

SCHOOL CONCERT, CLASS PARTY, CANDLELIGHTING FOR CHRISTMAS

The Young People of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church put on a Candlelight Service on Sunday evening with a pageant of the birth of Christ. Miss Bonnie McDougall acted as narrator, and Russell McDonald was chairman for the evening. Those unable to attend missed a grand performance, which showed the rights of practice these young people put into it.

The junior choir rendered the carols throughout the evening, bringing a memorable evening to a close.

Class Party

Miss Patricia Wright was hostess for her class party at John F. Ross school, Guelph, on Friday evening. Skating on the Speed River in the early evening, 20 young people adjourned to the home for dancing and a lunch of hot dogs, soft drinks etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Watson and family of West Hill will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamer are spending Christmas in Montreal as guests of Mr. Hamer's brother.

Mrs. W. McLean Sr. spent the past week in London with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden and

OBITUARY

Mrs. Florence Dunn Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Florence Dunn was found at St. Joseph's church Monday morning by the Rev. V. J. Morgan for Florence Ada Dunn, widow of the late Laurence A. Dunn, who died in Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, December 19, Mrs. Dunn, who had been in Acton for the past 36 years, had been ill for a month and a half. She was 64 years of age.

Interment was in Dublin cemetery. Pallbearers were grandson John Dunn, and friends John Dennis, John Hoohey, Harold Townsend, Colin MacColl and Theodore Pappilon.

She was born in 1899 in Lewisham, England, daughter of Frederick and Catharine Burrenshaw, and came to Canada in 1905. She lived in Beantville and Georgetown before coming to Acton. She was married in Acton in 1916.

She is survived by two sons and four daughters, Mrs. Peter Hoohey (Ellen), Guelph; John Dunn and Fred Dunn, Acton; Mrs. Dan Yarnha (Dorothy), Chapleau; Mrs. Gerald Pargeter (Lorna), Acton; and Mrs. James Crossley (June), Acton, 12 grandchildren; a brother, William Burrenshaw, Hamilton and a sister, Mrs. Ted James, Stone Creek. She was predeceased by sisters Mrs. Fred James (Emily), Gertrude Burrenshaw and Catharine Burrenshaw.

She was a member of the Canadian Legion, Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Women's Institute. Her family were in Teeswater over the weekend.

Attending the Whittle-Sanders wedding Saturday in Guelph were Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson, Mrs. J. Gilbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet McDougall and Bonnie.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. William McLean Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashworth and daughter Betty.

Sugar and Spice ...

Wading through the snow to the garage this morning, climbing the snowbank thrown up by the plow, and picking up my shovel to commence a typical Canadian winter day. I couldn't help feeling sorry for poor old George Cadogan and wife Elda, who are wintering in Spain. The cowards!

Newspaper people who are taking a year off to write, they are settled on the island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean, with two cats, a dog and daughter Kathie, 14.

Anyway, as I took a deep breath of that crunchy polar air, and started coughing, my heart went out to them. Here I was, a virile man of the true north, red blood pumping in practically every vein, nose running freely, heart thumping, sporadically bawling the elements to begin another day's hunt for meat for my little family.

And where was George? At that very moment, he was strolling idly down the hill in Palma de Mallorca, on his way to the bakery to buy some of those crusty little rolls, hot from the oven, and take them back to the apartment where he and Elda would sit on their balcony, in their shorts, and have breakfast, looking at that same old monotonous scene — the Mediterranean sparkling in the sun.

And as I thought of this, I was so overcome by pity for them that I started to cry. At least, I think that's what made me commence weeping. At any rate, I was still sobbing when I got into the car and found it wouldn't start.

Think of what they miss! There's the happy, family joint to the Christmas tree lot, and the delightful, democratic choosing of the tree!

That one's scrappy. This one's bushy at the bottom but shiny at the top. I like spears. No, we're getting a Scotch pine. Too big. Too small. Too much money.

And who'd want to be in Mallorca on Christmas Day? Nothing to look at but palm trees and blue sky and golden sand and blue sea. No crackle of flames in the fireplace.

No Boxing Day rabbit hunts or calls on friends for gifts by the fire. No sliding, skating, sliding. No rosy cheeks, no left-over turkey. Foot a pang for the Cadogans. Just sitting there, in their shorts, watching that lousy Mediterranean.

Eden Mills

The S.S. No. 11 Christmas concert was held in Eden Mills hall on Thursday evening to a full house. Mr. R. Millson, principal, and Mrs. Meadows delivered credit for a well organized program. The loudspeaker added greatly to the performance when the hit "The Lord is My Shepherd" could be heard distinctly. Chairman for the evening was Mr. H. Harris of Galt and portraying Santa Claus was Mr. Pierce Guelph.

The Christmas service in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church was taken Sunday morning by Rev. Fred Williamson of Guelph. Special music was rendered by the choir.

Mrs. R. Roy is improving and expects to be home for Christmas.

Merry Christmas Party Enjoyed by Dublin W.I.

The home of Mrs. Horace Blyth, Blue Springs Road, Nantawaga, was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations, and complete with Christmas tree, for the meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening. A fine attendance of members were in attendance with one newcomer joining the membership.

Mrs. Duncan Moffat, the president, presided over a short business session, during which the sum of \$7 was voted toward the work of the Tuberculosis Association in Halton. Sick and shut-in folk of the neighborhood will be remembered during the holiday season, and a well-laden hamper will go to a needy family.

Mrs. C. Armstrong reported on the sale of Christmas cards and a nice sum of money was turned over to the Institute funds. Mrs. P. Kennedy will act as Curator for the Tweedsmuir History.

Different Customs

Mrs. N. Douglas, the secretary, called the roll, which was responded to by "A Christmas Custom", which revealed different features that were observed in member's homes during the festive season. "Hymn of All Nations" was sung, followed by the singing of "O Canada".

A very impressive feature of the evening was the observation of a two minute silence in memory of the late John F. Kennedy, president of our neighboring country, the United States of America. This was followed by the singing of "America".

The Christmas party was under the leadership of Mrs. P. Kennedy, Mrs. W. McIntyre and Mrs. E. Norton, and they had a splendid list of games and contests planned with everyone joining in and having a merry time. Mrs. E. Norton gave a reading — "Christmas, the season to be frantically", which was most timely. The Christmas exchange of gifts was enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. George Robertson, the pianist, provided all the music during the evening in her usual talented manner.

The beautiful Christmas supper, under the direction of Mrs. E. Britton, and Mrs. Norman Douglas, who acted in the absence of Mrs. B. Rennie, left nothing to be desired, and the ladies had a social visit over the tea cups.

Mrs. C. McIntyre, as courtesy convener, expressed thanks of everyone to the hostess, Mrs. Blyth and the program and lunch convener, and others who had made it such an enjoyable evening.

Happy New Year

Starting 1964 on the right note, we think with deep gratitude of our many friends, and we cordially wish you all a year of opportunity and achievement, bright with happiness and health.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and Bower
Rector: The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T., 185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 833-2694.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
Christmas I
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—Church School
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m.—Holy Communion
8:15 p.m.—Partnership Meeting, Friday, December 27, St. John's Day — Holy Communion, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1, 11 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada)
Minister: The Rev. Donald I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
Divine Services
9:30 a.m.—Early Service
11:00 a.m.—Corporate Worship (Nursery during 11:00 a.m. service for toddlers.)

THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Seniors, grade 9 and up
11:00 a.m.—Juniors, pre-school to grade 4
"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE B.A.O.C.
31 Church Hill Road
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor
833-7215

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic
Wednesday Service, Tuesday, December 31—10 p.m.
C. A. annual business meeting, Thursday, January 2, at 8 p.m.
You Are Cordially Invited

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A., Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship
Sermon theme: "Memories of 1963 that will Live and Bring Blessing"
Sunday, January 5, 11 a.m.—Mid-Winter Communion with Preparatory Service on Thursday, January 2, at 8 p.m.
Everyone Most Welcome

UNITED CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
10:00 a.m.—English Service
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service
1:45 p.m.—Sunday School
Everyone Most Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Convention of Ontario & Quebec
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tiley Ave., ph. 833-1615.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—"Making the Most of Experience"
Tuesday, December 31 — Watch-night Service, 7:30 p.m.
Text for the New Year: Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1963
9:45 a.m.—The Family Bible School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Thursday—Cottage Prayer Meeting

Anne Bennett, 16, Wins Public Speaking Contest

Runners-up in the local contest were Carol Hammond, Jeanette Milnes, Brenda Aherne and David Woodhouse.

Anne Bennett, 16-year-old grade 11 student from Acton high school, won the Industrial Accident Prevention Association's public speaking contest at the school Thursday of last week and will compete in January at the Guelph area contest.

Last year Miss Bennett won the local contest and went on to win the Guelph area competition as well.

It was Lions club ladies' night at the Legion dance Saturday night. President Pete Pappilon, at intermission, announced the draw for which tickets had been sold previously, and the draws were made by bandmaster All Perrotti, and Charlie Mason (who were at the dance with Acton Citizens' Band).

Winners are W. H. Graham, Rene Arlic, Sonia Bowman, Arlev White, W. J. Smith, Harris Brown, Ted Allan, Ron Bryder and Bill Coan.

HEALTH HAPPINESS PROSPERITY

To you, our best wishes for a banner year in 1964. May your health be always good, your happiness and prosperity ever great.

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EYES EXAMINED
GLASSES FITTED
36 Carl St. East GUELPH
PHONE TAYLOR 3-7130
SEASON'S GREETING

A Prayer for the New Year

May the New Year see the dawn of a new era of understanding throughout the world, bringing to mankind the fulfillment of its long-cherished hope for a lasting peace.

Lions Draw On Saturday

CUSTOM CLEANERS ACTON

GORDON HARDWARE LIMITED

May the New Year hold for you all... good health, good times and good fortune. We look forward to serving you next year!