

Free Press Personals

Family reunions and visits for Christmas.

Miss Robina C. Clark spent Christmas with Kitchener friends.

Miss Margie MacKenzie is home from Acadia University for holidays.

Miss Dorothy Simmons spent Christmas with Guelph friends.

Miss Gwen Lander is home from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for holidays.

Mrs. Mary McAuley enjoyed the Christmas festivities with her family in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry of Owen Sound were holiday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Darby, Donna and Dougie holidayed with relatives at Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Leatherland spent the holiday with his mother and sisters at Auburn.

Miss Vicki Newton is home from the University of Waterloo for Christmas.

Mrs. Robert Algie enjoyed Christmas festivities with her son, Lloyd and family in Port Credit.

Miss Nellie Merkley of Toronto and Mrs. Janet Hall of Wingham spent Christmas with Acton relatives.

Mrs. Nelson Lambert spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. D. Guthrie in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Scoyne and children spent Christmas with his parents at Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Leishman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Leishman and family in Barrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lawrence and girls visited on the weekend with her mother, Mrs. A. Wall, in Hamilton.

Mrs. Mary Graham spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. Annie Sochett and other relatives in Guelph.

Miss Mary Beth Elliott, a teacher in Windsor, is home for holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott.

Out-of-town Christmas guests of Rev. and Mrs. A.H. McKenzie were Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson and daughter Nancy of Toronto; Suzanne, Rosa, Susie and Victor Chen of Guelph. The Chen parents sent a Christmas parcel to the McKenzies by sea mail from India in September, and it arrived just the week before Christmas. They are hoping to join their son and daughters here before long.

Out-of-town guest with Mr. and Mrs. B. Velchuis were Mr. and Mrs. L. Velchuis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Velchuis and daughters Janet and Linda of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. McLeod spent the Christmas week-end with their daughter Mrs. Mervin Yabsley and family in Ottawa.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allan were Mr. and Mrs. John Wesno, Kathy and Michael of Etobicoke; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allan of Preston and Miss Cassie Allan.

Mr. Robt. Landsborough, B.A. S.C., Toronto, Helen and Mac Sinclair, daughter Gina, Kings-ton; Ruth and Gordon Park, Cathy and Steven, Petrolia; Miss Donna Landsborough, Sarnia, Miss Joanne Landsborough, University of Waterloo; were home for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough, Lake Ave.



THIS COULD BE a creature from Mars, maybe Venus, or perhaps it's the abominable snowman but it's really a creation of youngsters on Elizabeth Drive. (Staff Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibbons, Goderich, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Colin Mac Coll Sr.

Mrs. Neville Harrop and Rosemary and Joanne of Islington spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deveau.

Mr. John E. Duncan, Bridgen, and Mr. Wilfred Gray and son, Bob, of Guelph called on Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dennis, on Christmas.

Miss Jill Bagby and Miss Vivian Smith, who are taking a lab technician's course in Toronto, were home for Christmas.

Miss Elizabeth and Miss Jean Moffat of Willowdale; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and Murray Miller of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. Donald Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Armstrong and Bonnie were Christmas guests of Mrs. Armstrong's sister, Mrs. Jack Gilbertson and family at R.R. 3, Guelph.

Mrs. Florence Robinson spent Christmas with her sister and family in Norval.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mainprize and children of Montreal, are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize and Mr. Bill Mainprize.

Christmas guests of Mrs. R. MacDonald were Mrs. W.T.A. Bell of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Small and Jimmy, of Niagara Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holmes, of Hamilton.

Mr. Bill Dawkins and Mr. Brian McCristall, who are working on weekly newspapers in B.C. and live now at Abbotsford, returned home to spend Christmas with their families.

With Mr. and Mrs. George Musselle both convalescing in Guelph General Hospital over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. John Musselle and daughter Monica came from Sault Ste. Marie to help with the Christmas orders at Lakeview Greenhouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Laing of Montreal spent the holiday with her sister, Mrs. Tom Watson, Mr. Watson and family.

Miss Mary Chalmers of Toronto spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton and Barbara, and other relatives.

Jury probes deaths . . .

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the only time he saw the car after that was when he came to the crest of a hill.

Constable Devine said he came to within one foot of hitting the train himself, and never saw the train or any warning lights or signals until after he had stopped. At that time he saw the lights to the east which were lanterns carried by trainmen.

Mrs. Gertie McMillan, Miss Wilma Walker, of Toronto are weekend and Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murd McCutcheon and Muriel. Also Christmas Day guests at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Hall and family, Hillsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hall and Ray, Hillsburg; Mrs. Sadie Tinney, Erin; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Taylor, Toronto.

Quite a few former Actonians were among the guests for Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Dills and Kathleen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brown, Nancy and Carolyn; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stewart; Miss Bertha Brown, Miss Elsie Stewart, Mr. Ern Brown, all of Toronto and district; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills, Steven, Mark, Paul and Catherine of Milton, with Mrs. G.A. Dills of Acton. On Saturday night the Stewarts and Browns had attended the marriage of Beverly Sinclair, daughter of the former Mary Lou Stewart and W.R. Sinclair, in Weston.

Both Constable Devine and Harold Agnew, a passenger in the cruiser and an independent witness told the jury they had been travelling at about 55 miles an hour and took close to 500 feet to come to a full stop after applying the brakes. There were no skid marks from the Van Buskirk car, indicating no attempt to stop the car.

Mr. Agnew testified he had seen the warning sign on the right hand side of the road. "I saw it, but I can understand Mr. Devine not seeing it. It was a dark night and he had his eyes on the road," Mr. Agnew said.

Both Constable Devine and Mr. Agnew claimed they saw no lights, heard no bells or whistles blowing as they approached the train, and neither had any indication that a train was ahead of them until they were about 500 feet away.

John Smith, a trainman for the C.P.R. on duty that night claimed a bell was ringing continuously and a whistle was blown as soon as he saw headlights coming.

Graham Day, an attorney representing the C.P.R. explained the railway was obligated by law to have a man flashing a light

while the engine proceeded across the crossing, but not while the train was shunting or stationery across the intersection. After three hours of evidence and two hours of deliberation, the jury recommended railway cars be equipped with reflective markers and all level crossings be equipped with protective lights, whether they be in the form of flashers or wig wags.

BALLINAFAD

By Mrs. R. McEnery
At the last encore in Ballinafad Community Centre nine tables were played. High lady, Audrey Wilson, Mrs. Britton; gent, Clare Wilson and Bert Davidson. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Editor, Staff and all readers of the Acton Free Press.

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Miss Irene Mulholland was church organist for 50 years

Organist and choir leader at St. Joseph's church for the past half century, Miss Lucy Irene Mulholland passed away suddenly at St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, on December 21.

Miss Mulholland had been planning the Christmas music at the church when she was taken ill, and the choir which had been under her direction for so long, sang unaccompanied for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Miss Mulholland, who lived at 83 Church St. E., Acton, had just observed her 73rd birthday on December 13. She was born in 1894, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Mulholland, and was a life-long resident of this district.

She is survived by a sister Mrs. Agnes Traynor, Kitchener, and predeceased by sisters Annie, Nellie and Mrs. Catherine Reilly, and brothers John, George, Joseph and James.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Altar Society. For many years she was a supervisor at Arnold's Glove Factory. She had been retired for the past 13 years.

Funeral mass was held December 23 by Rev. V.J. Morgan. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger Murray, Vern McCumber, Wilfred Waldie, Clement Reilly, Nino Braida and Lawrence Gibbons.

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