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## High School Commencement Was Largely Attended

Good Program Provided by Students — Presentation of Graduation Diplomas and Athletic Awards — Timely Remarks by Chairman C. B. Dayfoot.

The annual Commencement of the Georgetown High School was held in the Gregory Theatre, Thursday evening, December 15th.

The large audience which filled the theatre, showed by their generous applause, their appreciation of the interesting programme given by the pupils of the High School.

The varied programme of vocal solo, monologue, dances and drama disclosed the variety of talent that has been developed among our young people.

The school orchestra, which won the shield at the Halton Musical Festival last spring, opened the programme with a theme from a Symphony by F. Schubert and contributed other numbers to the programme. The excellent work of the orchestra could be still further improved if more violins were available, as the Principal, Mr. J. I. Lambert, pointed out.

The large choir of the newly established vocal music department, sang very beautifully a number of songs and closed the programme with two Christmas carols, the audience joining in singing the third verse of each carol.

Excellent progress has been made in this department under the leadership of the recently appointed leader, Mr. Carman Sutcliffe.

Early in the program the following scholarships, shields and awards were presented:

Presentation of scholarships and shields was made by Ralph Ross as follows: Form V, R. B. Foulis shield, to Harry Williams; Form IV, W. V. Grant shield, to Mary Elizabeth Grant; Form III, C. B. Dayfoot shield, to Aolyn Gregory Hayes; Form II, Dr. C. V. Williams shield, to Verma Clara MacLennan; Form I, R. W. Robb shield, to Walter Frederick Cook.

Presentation of Graduation Diplomas was made by W. V. Grant as follows: Margaret Elaine Adams, Marion McGill Dick, Floria Elizabeth Feller, Mary Elizabeth Grant, Marion Janet Hendrick, Paul Julius Jolliffe, Fraser MacDonald, Margaret Jean Ruddell, Betty Alberta Speight, Frances Margot Williams, Marion Isabel Williamson.

Presentation of Athletic Awards made by F. B. Foulis as follows: Medal for field day 1937-8—Norman Barber, Paul Barber, Robert Goldham, Joan Hale, Margaret Hoare. Medals for field day 1938-9 — James Coffel, Robert McMenemy, Mary O'Connell, Floria Feller, Joan Hale.

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## IF THEY WRITE TO SANTA CLAUS

If some of the prominent men and organizations of our town would write to Santa Claus and would receive in their stockings (or socks) on Christmas morning their answer, we would if they wouldn't be very much pleased with the following gifts:—

Mayor Gibbons—The bonded indebtedness of the town suddenly reduced and a surplus for 1939.

Reeve Davis—The county and government to pay the cost of paving the connecting road links.

Councillor Hall—A balanced budget.

Councillor Lyons—Money allowed to improve every street.

Councillor Cosigan—All water rate arrears paid up.

Councillor Cripps—A year of success for the new Council.

Councillor Brown—Safety zones at all crossings on highways for children.

Councillor Smith—Good health.

High School Board—New addition to the school.

Public School Board—An up-to-date heating system.

Board of Health—Long talked of sewage system.

The Editor—A paid up subscription list.

The Fire Brigade—A new fire truck.

The Churches—Capacity congregations.

The Hockey Club—A new bag of tricks and better attendance at games.

Mr. Motorist—1939 license plates.

Business Men's Association — More co-operation in 1939.

The Average Mother—Something for herself and not for the house.

The Average Father—Anything but socks and neckties.

BEVERAGE ROOM CURFEW CHRISTMAS EVE

Georgetown beverage rooms in common with others all over Ontario will have to observe a beverage room curfew on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th, when they will close at 8 p.m. The regulation has been announced from Toronto by Liquor Commissioner E. G. Odette as a traffic safeguard.

Two Georgetown boys will appear before Magistrate Woodliffe at Milton this afternoon charged by Chief Marshall with breaking and entering with intent to commit an indictable offence.



## If Jesus Had Not Come

If Jesus had not come to earth  
That glorious Christmas Day;  
If there had been no lowly birth,  
No baby in the hay;  
If there had been no Saviour born;  
No shepherds kneeling there,  
That would have been a cheerless morn'  
And life a blank despair.

If Jesus had not come to dwell  
In lowliest estate,  
The poor would doubt us when we tell  
Of love supremely great;  
No Christmas spirit would have  
made  
Men generous and kind,  
Their joy to render friendly aid  
Whenever need they find.

Had wise men never shown their love  
With myrrh, incense, and gold,  
And angel legions from above  
No song of peace had told;  
No gifts would join our hearts as  
one,  
And all of Christian love;  
No carol sung in unison  
With that great choir above.

If Jesus had not come to earth  
What would be done with sin?  
No glorious hope of second birth;  
No perfect peace within;  
No hope of breaking with the past,  
No joy of sins forgiven;  
No victory o'er the grave at last;  
No entry into Heaven.

But Jesus came in very truth;  
The Hope of all the earth,  
The Hope of age, the Hope of youth,  
Is in the Saviour's birth,  
Incarnate Son of Power Divine  
Of humble virgin born,  
Here cradled in this heart of mine  
Makes holy Christmas Morn. —H. C. T.

## Esqueuing Council Final Meeting Relief Cost \$206.54 in November

Thanks of Members Tendered Reeve N. A. Robinson—  
Esqueuing Township May be Game Preserve—Election  
By-Law Passed—Nomination December 26th.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE IN  
GEORGETOWN NEXT SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON

The annual Community Christmas Tree and street show for the children, sponsored by the Lions Club will be held in Georgetown on Saturday next, Dec. 24th.

Santa Claus will arrive in town and join the parade which will start from the town hall at 3 o'clock and proceed down Main street to the large illuminated Christmas tree.

Here Santa will make his distribution to the children of Georgetown and vicinity, all of whom are invited to meet him here.

It is expected that the Band, Firemen and many others will take part in the parade.

The draw for fowl will take place immediately after the presentation to the children.

Come everybody and enjoy next Saturday afternoon in Georgetown.

## BALLINAFAD

Mrs. F. Binnie left Monday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. R. Weir in Toronto.

Mrs. Phyllis Foreman of Toronto is home this week for the holidays.

The Sunday School Christmas concert was held Friday evening in the church. There was a good attendance and a splendid program of songs, recitations, dialogues was put on by the children. Santa Claus arrived in good time to the delight of the young folk.

The annual meeting of the W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. R. McEnery. The devotionals were taken by Mrs. Foreman and Mrs. Starret.

Mrs. Foreman read the beautiful Christmas story as given in the second chapter of Luke's gospel. The roll call was answered with quotations from favorite Christmas hymns.

The following are the officers elected for 1939:—

President, Mrs. R. McEnery; vice-president, Mrs. E. Perryman; treasurer, Mrs. A. Starret; secretary, Mrs. J. Kirkwood; assistant, Mrs. A. Egan; committee, Miss Givens and Mrs. C. Berwick; visiting committee, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. F. W. Shortill; organist, Mrs. B. Vannatter; assistant, Miss J. Shortill.

The treasurer reported a substantial increase in funds for 1938.

Stewartstown, November 24, 1938. The Council met on Thursday afternoon at the call of the Reeve, Deputy-Reeve, W. A. Wilson, Councillors C. H. May and G. W. Murray were present. Reeve N. A. Robinson presided.

Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Keely, representatives of the Milton Brick Ltd., attended the meeting in connection with arrears of taxes.

After considerable discussion it was decided to lay the matter over.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by C. H. May, that this Council do now adjourn to meet at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

Stewartstown, December 2, 1938. The Council met on Friday afternoon with all members present. Reeve N. A. Robinson presided.

Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Keely attended the meeting on behalf of the Milton Brick Ltd. Mr. Carter from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Mr. LeRoy Dale were also at the meeting.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by Edwin Harrop, that the Council accept the amount of Five thousand three hundred dollars as settlement of taxes for 1934, 1935 and 1936 on Milton Brick Limited, made up as follows: Taxes on property \$2913; business tax \$2600; while working and penalty and interest \$1131; total \$3000.—Motion lost.

Moved by C. H. May, seconded by G. W. Murray, that the Council accept from the Milton Brick Ltd. the taxes due to the Township for the years 1934, 1935, 1936 with interest and penalties, but that the Milton Brick Ltd. pay no business tax for the year 1936, and only pay business tax on the 9 weeks that the plant of the Company was operating in the years 1934 and 1935 with interest and penalties.—Carried.

Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by C. H. May, that this Council do now adjourn to meet at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

Stewartstown, December 15, 1938. The Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon. Deputy-Reeve W. A. Wilson, Councillors C. H. May, G. W. Murray and Edwin Harrop were present. Reeve N. A. Robinson presided at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read from the Milton Brick Ltd., George E. Elliot, Jenkins and Hardy, George G. Brown, Department of Public Welfare.

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As the wish of the  
**The Editor**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**The Staff**

## Esqueuing Nominations Monday, December 26th

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Township of Esqueuing will be held in the Township Hall, Stewartstown, on Monday next, Dec. 26th, for the purpose of nominating members of council for 1939.

We have been informed that all the present members are willing to serve another term if it is the pleasure of the electors. In fact we have heard there is a possibility that all may be returned by acclamation, and again a later rumor has it that an election is quite possible.

However you never can tell what a day will bring fourth or even fifth, and we shall be able to tell you the results of the meeting on Monday in our next issue.

Up to the time of going to press everything is quiet in township municipal matters.

## ASHGROVE

The splendid attendance in the United Church Sunday school room when the pupils of the Public School gave their Christmas concert on Monday evening, Dec. 19th, showed how well we were receiving. This excellent varied program was prepared by their teacher, Miss Ruth Dierlam, assisted at the piano by Miss Marion Fox, music teacher of this school. Intervening numbers were given by a violinist, Mrs. Sharon of Milton.

Mr. C. Wrigglesworth acted as chairman, and Santa Claus arrived in due time to unlock the tree and distribute the well-filled candy bags. Mr. John Alexander fittingly moved a "silly vote of thanks and appreciation to Miss Dierlam and scholars, for the enjoyment of this fine evening.

Ashgrove Sunday School concert and Christmas tree will be held on Friday, Dec. 23rd.

## SERIOUS FIRE AT ACTON

INMATES ESCAPE IN NIGHT  
CLOTHES AS THREE BUILDINGS  
DESTROYED

Fire destroyed three buildings in a business block in Acton early Monday morning. Two families lost all their belongings in the flames. Even their clothes had to be left behind.

Fire crackling along the wall beside his bed roused James Massey, who was sleeping above his butcher shop. Jumping out of bed, he was faced by flames along the side of his building.

"I woke my wife. We just had time to wrap the children in blankets and run downstairs in our night clothes," said Mr. Massey. "Dorothy, three years old, and Eileen, eight months, were sleeping soundly and I don't know what would have happened to us if I hadn't wakened up. I started in business for myself last spring, putting everything I had into the business, and now all I have in the world is a pair of scales and an electric grinder. My place is a total loss."

James Kennedy, a brother of Mrs. Massey, just had time to grab some of his clothes and dash down the stairs into the freezing outdoors. T. Morton escaped from the apartment over his barber shop clad in his night clothes.

Starting in the rear of Dad's Hamburger shop, the flames swept through Massey's butcher shop. Acton firemen saved the Starman block of business buildings which lay directly in the path of the fire.

The newlyweds had just gotten off their train.

"John, dear," said the bride, "let us try to make the people think we have been married a long time."

"All right, honey," was the answer, "you carry the suitcases."

## A Christmas Message

CHRISTMAS is almost with us again and everywhere the world is preparing to keep again this great festival, the festival of the Child.

Every Christmas the child spirit is re-born in us and we grown-ups go back to our own childhood days, when with breathless awe we looked forward to the coming of Santa Claus, and on Christmas morning found our stockings filled with gifts of love.

Christmas is emphatically the children's festival and everywhere the child spirit, the child heart predominates, and we respectable adults are fain to apologize for our existence by devout attention to childish things.

We keep the old Christmas customs, the decorations of holly and evergreens, the turkey, the pudding blazing in blue flame. Christmas cards, crackers and what not. Our Christmas customs, how we cherish them, they are good to have and when we no longer have them, they are good to remember. Many grown-up children have many of them; a few favorite ornaments from the Christmas tree that yearly for so many years twinkled and glistened in their childhood home and place on the trees which now deck their own homes.

A Merry Christmas; A Happy Christmas. So we give the joyous greeting, for it is a festival not for one section of the people, but for all mankind. We should all keep it always. It is the great gift given to us all to keep forever, for the message of the angels to the shepherds, Christ is born, is a message to all. The happy, the sorrowful, the sick, the well, the old and young, to all people the word comes. To say it is to celebrate Christmas, to keep it against all adversity.

Oh, what were the beauty of the winter world—the bells and carols, the good will and greetings, the serenity of age, the mystic pageant of the season. Were these not at the core that forever endears Christmas to us, the proclamation, "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us." So as in imagination we gaze on the Child, we feel something of his glory all around. Ferpexities and discontents for the time being fade away and we are happy, for we feel that He has entered into our human life and from his boyish lips we learn why God has so dealt with us and what He will do for us if we will but suffer Him to lead us. It was a very good and very wise old man who said God revealed in Christ; is the one truth which reveals to tired men and women the right to be little children with the child's freshness of delight and trust.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy Christmas to you all, and as Tiny Tim says in the never to be forgotten Christmas Carol, "God bless us, everyone."

## TOWN COUNCIL MET

PAY COUNTY RATE OF \$7423.89—  
FIRE BRIGADE \$460—CEMETERY  
BOARD \$1266

Council met at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening with Mayor Jos. Gibbons in the chair. Reeve Geo. Davis and Councillors A. E. Cripps, N. H. Brown, Jos. Hall, W. F. Smith and Thos. Lyons present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hall, that the Treasurer pay the High School Board \$250.00 in addition to their requisition, to pay for property repairs.—Carried.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Hall, that the Treasurer pay the Waterworks Department the sum of \$1150 hydrant charge.—Carried.

Moved by Cripps, seconded by Brown, that the Treasurer pay the usual grant of \$400 to the Fire Brigade.—Carried.

Moved by Cripps, seconded by Brown, that the Treasurer pay the Cemetery Board \$1266, being 1 mill on the assessment.—Carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Dav's, that the Treasurer pay the County Rate amounting to \$7423.89.—Carried.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Cripps, that request the Hydro Electric Commission to install an additional light on Duelp St. by the High School.—Carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Cripps, the following accounts be paid:

W. H. Kenner & Son, coal	\$11.25
J. Schult, sta.	10.50
Dr. Sutherland, professional services	4.53
J. Toet, sta.	20.10
R. H. Thompson & Co., housing Squires' Service Station, town truck	10.45
W. H. Haines, sta.	32.50
P. B. Harrison	25.40
K. M. Langdon, legal fees	15.90
Gray's Garage, fire truck	1.25

A. C. Roney, fire protection 3.00 |

W. H. Kenner & Son, coal 23.80 |

P. C. Whitnee, sta. 3.00 |

W. Whitnee, taxi police 3.00 |

Dale & Bennett, legal fees 38.50 |

W. G. Marshall, postage 1.00 |

E. E. Young, painting town hall 16.31 |

Thos. Lusty, cleaning fountain 5.00 |

Thos. Bullivant, plastering town hall 4.80 |

M. Mallins, goods for office 32.00 |

Moved by Smith, seconded by Brown that we do now adjourn.—Carried.

## GLEN WILLIAMS

The concert of St. Alban's Sunday School will be held in the town hall, Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. Admission 25c and 10c.

The Women's Association of the Glen United Church held their election of officers on Dec. 8th. Rev. C. Jolliffe presided.

Honorary President—Mrs. Jolliffe. President—Mrs. F. Norton. Vice-president—Mrs. S. Beam. Secretary—Mrs. A. Presswood. Treasurer—Mrs. Jos. McMenemy. Flower and Visiting Committee—Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. R. Addy, Mrs. G. Allen.

Devotional Committee—Mrs. Bryth, Mrs. W. J. Hill, Mrs. G. Allen.

## Christmas Services at the United Church

The services on Dec. 25th will be of unique nature when the Christmas message will be given in picture, song and story. The antiphons for the morning will be "Gloria to God in the Highest" and "Christians Awake." In the evening the Junior Choir, Senior Choir and assisting soloists will sing carols and anthems, as scenes of the birth of the Christ Child appear on the screen. Miss Margaret Smith, contraalto soloist of Hamilton will sing at both services.

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