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### Knox Church Choir Present Christmas Music

A delightful evening of Christmas music, choral and congregational, was presented in Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday, as the Junior and Senior Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Cameron, sang solos, anthems, and carols celebrating the birth of Jesus. The Junior Choir presented three carols, "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Shepherds Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep" and "I Saw Three Ships" with David Doble and Nell Benton taking solo verses. A Christmas setting of "Palm Branches", and two Slovakian Carols were sung by the Senior Choir. Soloists included Anna Spitzer, Sandra Scott, Barbara Cromar, Kenneth Harrison, Miss Jean Chester, Mrs. Ray Harlow and the Rev. C. Cochrane. Between the choral numbers, the congregation sang the familiar Christmas carols. The Rev. A. Neil Miller, formerly of the Brampton Presbyterian Church, conducted the service, and Mr. Kenneth Harrison presided at the organ.

### ASHGROVE

The Public School concert was held last Thursday evening in the school-house by Miss Ismay Kean and her pupils to a large audience. Songs and recitations, a cantata "When Santa forgot the Smith's" and a play, "Scenes from Dickens' 'Christmas Carol'" were very well given and must have taken much time and preparation by the teacher and pupils. At the close of the programme Santa arrived and with the help of Ronald Drake and Floyd Bridgen distributed the many gifts from the tree.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. W. J. Alexander in the recent bereavement.

We wish one and all a very Merry Christmas.

Belfast has given up its quest for an elephant for its Zoo because it found elephants now cost \$6,000 each.



## Season's Greetings

FROM ALL OUR STAFF TO ALL OUR PATRONS AND GOOD FRIENDS

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### IN THE MAIL BAG

The Editor, The Georgetown Herald, Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Sir:

It has been my privilege for the past several years to follow with the keenest interest the changing scene in the life of our adoptive community, Georgetown. There have been years of unparalleled development and expansion, and they give promise of the brightest possible future for the town. Municipal and community life have undergone more significant changes than most of us realize, and it appears likely that there are more to come. The most gratifying single event, of course, has been the return of the men from overseas, and their gradual assimilation into the life of the community. Other factors, too, have heightened the interest and increased the burden of municipal planning. The erection of dwellings under contract with Wartime Housing Limited; the purchase and resale of the former Bank of Montreal building; the renovation of the former water-works building to house the municipal offices; the adoption by the Recreational Council of the Old Town Hall; the School area debate; the contemplated extension of the High School building; the public vote on the School Board - Board of Education controversy; the project to provide artificial ice at the Arena; and last but not least the whole question of sewage disposal as it affects the municipality — all these are as decisions of major importance to the town.

One would scarcely have believed it possible that so many issues pertaining to such varied aspects of the life of the community could come up for review in so short a space of time. It seems that the whole structure of municipal life has been recast, for better or for worse (as we sometimes say) within a period of little more than five years.

Because of the heavy burdens which have been borne by successive municipal councils, one hesitates even to mention other projects which are rather seriously in need of attention. It is for this reason that comment has been withheld for so long. One is aware, too, of the difficulty of making far-reaching decisions without the attendant risk of displeasing some members of the community; but that is the price we occasionally have to pay for the solution of vexing problems.

Two observations may be made with a reasonable degree of assurance: (i) the population of Georgetown will continue at an even rate of growth for some years to come, and (ii) the business district of the town will not expand in proportion to that growth. If the first observation be granted, the second may need some elaboration. Extension of the business district beyond the Georgetown Dairy and Sincclair's Garage is not an immediate prospect because of the hill on Main Street. Nor is business likely to move in the other direction past the corner of Church Street, for some years to come, i.e., away from the centre of population. There are a few gaps which may eventually be filled in on Mill and Water Streets (on one side only); but apart from these few locations business has nowhere to go. What then becomes of the traffic problem? Because of Georgetown's peculiar land-formations, and therefore irregular thoroughfares, all traffic to and from the main business section must pass along a street no more than two medium blocks long; and all cross-town traffic must eventually arrive at the intersection of John and Guelph Streets. The inevitable result, under parking provisions, is that on dry pavement Main and Mill streets are barely passable, and under winter driving conditions both are distinctly dangerous. (We may fairly come to this conclusion even without considering the additional hazards provided by the bus lines and the tractor-trailer delivery to merchants.)

It is therefore to be hoped that a previously unsuccessful attempt to solve the problem (by rulling the bus lines off Main Street) will not discourage Council from coming to grips with the matter again. And perhaps the merchants have a good

deal less to fear from a change in the parking by-laws than most of us realize. Indeed, the increasing popularity of the "corner store" should warn the main business section that unless the merchants take the initiative in facilitating the purchase of goods on the Main Street, buyers will cheerfully go where shopping is more convenient.

It is not likely that a simple by-law designed to prohibit or to restrict parking on the main streets will prove adequate or satisfactory, unless accompanied by the provision of some areas where free parking is invited. The object of a change in the traffic regulations is obviously not to discourage, but to invite more trade. And it is perhaps not too much to suggest that unless some such areas are acquired promptly, all possibility of obtaining them later may vanish.

The second matter which appears to this writer in need of comment is the rather appalling condition of our communication system. This, of course, is not a municipal problem, but it has long been the Number One community aggravation. Public opinion on this point is so overwhelmingly unanimous as to put the matter beyond the realm of debate.

As we understand it, neither the staff of local operators nor the local representative is responsible for the situation. We are informed that, for a variety of reasons, the Georgetown operators are obliged to work with equipment so obsolete as to rival in age the invention of the telephone itself. So primitive are the facilities (it is said) that if you, Mr. Editor, were to drop a bale of paper in your office, all the signals on the panels next door would fall in (or out, as the case may be) making or breaking every connection in the district. Accordingly, it is necessary for the operator to break in on all conversations every few minutes to make sure that the parties have not "rung off". For this reason it is next to impossible to make two consecutive phone calls at any time of the day or night.

In view of the number of phones listed in the community, and the enormous volume of business transacted by the larger firms which have located here in recent years, it is surprising that formal protest has not been made long before this. The persistent rumour, (never officially confirmed) that better things are in store for us probably accounts for the absence of any such protest. But many communities which have been far better served than we, have recently been favoured by the installation of a modern system of communication.

Is it therefore too much to ask that the Incoming Council should "resolve" on this question; or that the Board of Trade might make appropriate representations? At the very least, it seems that we are entitled to a little better service than we are presently getting.

A letter from Mr. Scrivener, Advertising Manager for the Bell Telephone Company, printed in your previous issue helps this correspondent to appreciate the difficulties under which the company is operating. Perhaps this letter will assist

Mr. Scrivener in appraising our need for a more efficient service. Yours truly, Charles C. Cochrane



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