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MERRY CANADIAN CHRISTMAS!

Take it from three-year-old Carmen Bourdon, there's no time like Christmas in Canada. Carmen lives deep in the pulpwood forests of the Gatineau where her father is one of thousands of men who cut the tall pines that go into the production of Canadian paper products, plastics, wallboards and other materials. Carmen and the other children and their parents of the pulpwood districts have magnificent Christmas celebrations, including great quantities of wonderful food, songs, games, religious services and parties, and a regular Yule visitor to their homes is the inevitable gift-bearing Santa Claus.

-(Photo by Malak, Ottawa.)

Christmas Services at St. John's Church

J. D. G. It was Christmas worship service at St. John's United Church 'on Sunday morning with the theme: "Unto Bethlehem." Hymns and Scripture lesson, prayer and responses, anthems, carols and solo, all proclaimed the birth of Jesus, Son of God, in Bethlehem. The an-

FIVE TURKEYS ARE CURLING CLUB PRIZES

Georgetown Curling Club sponsored a. Turkey Draw as a fundraising event this, year selling limited number of tickets at \$1.00

Last Thursday at the arena the draw was made and winners were: James Ritchie, William G. Bell, Graydon Chester, Ben McHarg, and Norman Robinson, Acton.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE of Joseph Watson,

Gentleman, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of Joseph Watson, late of the Town of Georgetown, Gentleday of March, A.D., 1953 are here- Christmas story. And to Bethlehem. by notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1954, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice:

day of December, A.D. 1953. Mary Ellen Watson, sole executrix of the estate of Joseph Watson, by her Solicitors. Dale & Bennett, Georgetown Ont.

DATED at Georgetown, this 21st



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So as we celebrate our Christmas season, let us come unto Bethela-AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON OF THE PERSO

them was "The first Christmas Morn", carols by senior and junior choirs were: "What Child is This?" and "I Saw Three Ships," and a solo "Gesu Bambino" by Miss Ruth Evans. The choral response to the "Call to Worship" was "All Hail the power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. John M. Smith opened his

meditation with an incident in a village in Scotland in the early part of the 19th Century, during the Napoleonic Wars, when the people crowded around the newly arrived coach seeking news. At the time a boy was hailing his mother with the news of a baby boy born near by. "Hush," said the mother, "your father wants to hear about the war." The babe was David Livingstone who when he grew old enough sought to bring peace and the good news of the Saviour's birth to the dark people of Africa. So with Jeus. Bethlehem was still when Jesus was born, but all around was seething discontent, people like Joseph and Mary having to travel long distances to be enrolled for taxation; oppressors and oppressed very much at odds with each other, Roman rulers and the conquered Jews at variance; it was into this that the Child of peace was born, hailed by the choir of angels, revealed to the lowly shepherds, and to the Wise Men from the east. Let us turn "unto Bethlehem" in the in history too, for even in the midst of wars, history proclaims Him as the Prince of Peace, where His spirit has sway, its influence is strong toward "peace on earth and goodwill to all men" and in Him, slowly but surely is the destiny of the world being worked out. But let us also go unto Bethelehem in our personal experience, only then can we make the Christmas story real and vital, only thus can His Kingdom grow and spread, as we honor the Babe of Bethlehem with our gifts of gold, as the king whose love will conquer evil and eventually rule the world. May we recognize Him in His priesthood as come from God, as did the Wise Men in their gift of Frank-incense, and in their gift of myrr, may we recognize Him as our Saviour and the world, in time giving Himself for our salvation, and as the way back to God. Let us go now, even 'unto Bethlehem.'

At the evening service, in the candlelit church, the Nativity scene was portrayed in song, story and pageant, by the senior and junior choirs under Mr. Norman Laird, and members of the Young People's. union, assisted by the CGIT, and Boy_Scouts. After a prelude of Christmas Chimes and congregational carols, the two choirs entered in processional carrying their lit candles and singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." With the combined choirs providing suitable carols, solos and Christmas hymns, and the vari-coloured spotlight accentuating the Nativity scene, there followed: The Prophecy, "It Shall come to pass," the Annunciation, "Fear Not, Mary," the scene at Bethlehem, "And Thou shalt call his name Jesus." Then the adoration of the shepherds, followed by the wise men, and then by St. John's as represented by members from all the groups of the church, kneeling with the shapherds and the Wise Men around the manger in worship and adoration, the congregation rising to pay their homage too, as the choirs sang "O come all ye faithful." Rev. John M. Smith was responsible for the beautiful

the message of the angels: "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of greet joy which shall be to

viour which is Christ the Lord." And let us join the heavenly host in praising God, and saying 'Glory







