

**Merry Christmas**



**HARLEY MOTORS**  
JOHN STREET TRIANGLE 7-2591

**Norval-Union Presbyterians Carol Service**

On Thursday evening the annual Candlelight Christmas Carol service of the Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches was held in Union Church. The picturesque little church, lit by flickering candles was filled almost to capacity with members and friends of both congregations. The choir opened the service by filing solemnly in to the dimly lit church, each carrying a candle and singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Against the background of the Christmas Story as expounded by the Rev. G. L. Royal from the early prophecies to the homage of the Wise Men, the joint choirs and congregation sang many of the loved and well known carols — "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "The First Nowell," "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The beautiful "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming" of Praetorius was fittingly rendered by Isabel McClure, Jean Crichton, Verne Thompson and Ron Perry. Jean Anderson, Ann Davis and Georgina Dolson sang the Trio, "A Babe is Born in Bethlehem." Among the highlights of the programme were the two solos from "The Messiah," "He Shall Feed His Flock," sung by Mrs. G. L. Royal and "Come Unto Him" by Mrs. D. Dolson. Undoubtedly the outstanding achievement of the joint choirs was their fine singing of "The First Christmas Morning."

The service ended as dramatically as it had begun with the choir members singing "Silent Night" as they filed out of the church. As the congregation left to go home in the clear starlit night, a perfect setting in which to remember the first star above Bethlehem, it was generally agreed that a great deal of credit was due to organist Miss Dorothy Thompson and choir leader, Mrs. G. L. Royal, for a most moving and enjoyable evening.

After the service, members of the choirs had a social half hour at the home of Verne Thompson where a delicious lunch was served by members of the W. A. Mrs. Harold McClure presented Mrs. Royal with a bouquet of mauve and white mums on behalf of the joint choirs in appreciation of her services as choir leader.

**Forty Firemen's Children Enjoy Christmas Party**

Santa arrived in a real sled on Sunday to make this year's party for children of members of the fire department a memorable occasion. Some forty children were present in the fire hall auditorium Sunday afternoon, with their parents for the annual event. All children present received gifts, as did their mothers, and lunch was served. The hall was gaily decorated.

Be sure and attend the church of your faith over Christmas weekend.

**Discuss Organizing Town Boys' Band**

A meeting was held in Chapel St. school on Thursday evening, December 16th in the interests of the formation of a boys' band. Those present at this meeting included Mayor Jack Armstrong, bandmaster Alf Perrott, Sgt. Arthur Herbert, Ern Forgrave and Ed Peters of the Lorne Scots Band. There was a good attendance of boys and several of the parents and about 45 applications were received for band membership.

Harold Henry, school principal and ardent supporter of this venture, was chairman. Mr. Greede of the J. M. Greene Music Co. of Toronto was present at the request of Bandmaster Perrott. He brought with him several instruments commonly used in bands and quoted prices and terms on which they could be purchased. He expressed great confidence in the ability of Mr. Perrott to create a real musical organization within a reasonable time if given the necessary backing.

Mayor Armstrong spoke briefly on the value of the knowledge and accomplishment of music to the individual, and pledged every support should a boys' band become a reality. The writer feels that the boys indicating a real interest in obtaining a musical knowledge will have little time to spend on activities that result in juvenile delinquency.

Due to the near approach of the busy Christmas season, it was decided that another meeting would be held on Thursday, January 6th, at 8 p.m. at which further efforts would be made to get organizational plans underway.

It is hoped that every parent will give due consideration to the benefits that accrue from a musical education that is of inestimable value for one's whole lifetime.

With the leadership and teaching available to every boy, there is no reason why we could not have within a reasonable time, one of the finest boys' bands in Canada.

So to our future musical artists and their parents, we would wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Band Secretary

**GLEN WILLIAMS**

**ST. ALBAN'S PAGEANT DEPICT FIRST XMAS**

A pageant, depicting the first Christmas was one of the features of the entertainment provided by St. Alban's Anglican Sunday School in the Glen public school Saturday.

The pupils portrayed Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, three kings of the orient and the Herald Angels, with the School choir singing appropriate carols.

There was a large turnout of parents and relatives. The first part of the program consisted of choruses, solos, skits and recitations performed with the utmost enthusiasm by the members of the Sunday School.

Santa Claus failed to arrive, being involved in a traffic accident with a space ship, but the teachers saved the situation by presenting the children with gifts and prizes. The school reflects the growth of the district, having grown from about 20 pupils just a few years ago to the present enrolment of over 70 and eight teachers.

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