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Never a Dull Moment

Monday night we attended the fiftieth-odd meeting of the town council this year.
 It was remarkable for two things.
 First, it marked the end of the lengthiest series of council meetings in the town's history, and, instead of the usual final meeting, which custom has decreed as an unimportant one, filled with generalities about the year's business, some routine motions and a few appointments, with members recessing an hour or two early, business continued hot and heavy until almost midnight.
 It indicated how busy the year had been in the municipal field, and forecast how active the 1956 council will be, with a glimpse of things to come.
 For instance, high school board members reported initial action on a new high school, which it is hoped will be rushed for September occupancy. And a town planning report was presented by Dr. Faludi which may lead to formation of a planning board and zoning of the town. Not to mention, the municipal building renovation, the building of a third public school, the taking over of roads in subdivisions, and installation of street lights in new parts of the town.
 Municipal affairs have become the number one news feature in the Herald, and we consider it our number one reporting job.
 To give people an accurate, factual account of

the tremendous amount of business that goes through council's hands in a year, is not easy. Like everyone we like some spice, and on occasion we go into some detail in quoting members on controversial issues, while at times we have to pick and choose our words very carefully.
 Sometimes this spice is misinterpreted, and we have heard people remark that council is a collection of dumbkoffs. Nothing could be farther from the truth. We can honestly say that in fifteen years of council reporting, there has never been a council which was not composed of men who took their job seriously and who did their best possible for Georgetown's welfare.
 The 1955 council followed in the tradition. There was little time wasted, and a weekly meeting was necessary. Behind the scenes were hours, too, of committee work which was not reported in the press. The job was time-consuming for everyone, and ratepayers owe a large vote of thanks to these nine men who shoulder the job of keeping the ship of state on an even keel.
 1956, as we have said, will be no less onerous. We have reserved our Monday nights for our job, and we shall continue to report council in detail to keep readers posted on every phase of municipal affairs.

Santa Parade Was "Sumpin'"

There is unanimous opinion that Saturday's Santa Claus parade in Georgetown was one of the real entertainment highlights ever presented in town.
 It was the 24th annual parade which the Lions Club has sponsored, and this year there was a great big assist from non-clubbers, particularly the fire department and the various industries and businessmen who contributed floats.
 Anyone who has ever worked on a float knows a little of the work that goes into creating a work of art out of paper and wood. The fact that various con-

tributors harmonized their floats to depict nursery rhyme characters, added to their artistry, and everyone who saw it go by remarked on how effective the parade was.
 And the flock of children, larger than any previous year in history, showed that the parade is worthwhile.
 To all those who worked so hard, we know we express the thanks of everyone when we say "Well done."

Travel Talks End

The 21st instalment of Mr. and Mrs. John Cordaro's travels brings them home again in this issue of the Herald and ends what has been a most interesting feature for almost five months.
 When Mrs. Cordaro first told us last spring that she intended to share their trip with friends, we had no idea of the magnitude of the work she contemplated. Maybe she didn't either.
 To travel in strange lands, attend church conventions, see the sights, and sit down every night or two to record impressions of the trip is a tiring job. We will always be grateful for these letters for to most of us

it will be the closest we will ever have to a trip abroad.
 They were much more than the average travel letters, for Mrs. Cordaro has a knack of writing the human interest side of things, and building her story around little incidents.
 We may soon forget descriptions of Roman ruins, English cathedrals and the Swiss scenery. But who will ever forget the taxi driver they took to dinner, or the jewel incident in Italy, the reunion with English relatives, and the longing for a roast beef dinner in the midst of foreign delicacies.

The True Christmas Spirit

Christmas is a time of happiness, of presents and parties, gay trees and coloured lights. It is a festive season, full of happiness and good will, when differences of opinion seem dissolved, when even strangers greet each other with the time-honoured "Merry Christmas" phrase.
 It is much more than that, however, and this year when the 25th comes on a Sunday it should have more of its true meaning than ever, marking the birth of one who to most Canadians is the foundation stone of their religious beliefs, and to those not professing the

Christian faith, a recognized learned man who contributed more to the world's culture than any other single individual.
 Christmas is a time of church-going as well as holiday celebration.
 In every Christian denomination, there should be no missing faces at Sunday's church services. Reverence can mix with other things that day, and what happier prelude to opening presents and feasting on turkey and plum pudding, than to attend church service as a family?

CHRISTMAS MEETING NORVAL - UNION YPS

A seasonal program was enjoyed by the members of the Young People's Society of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches on Sunday evening in the home of Bob and Joan Crawford. Several of the traditional carols of the Church were sung and this added that special Christmas flavour to the meeting. A service of praise was conducted by the worship convener, Victor Ostrander, assisted by the other members of the Society.
 Opening with the hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night", the first Scripture Lesson followed (read by Bob Crawford from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 1-20). The hymn, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," was followed by prayer led by Victor Ostrander. The Study Lesson, "A Dream Accomplished," and commented on by the convener. The Society sang "O Faithful," which was the second Scripture

Lesson read by Jamie Cunningham from the Gospel of John, Chapter 1, verses 1-14. The minister, Rev. G. L. Royal, read several legends concerning the Christ Child from a book entitled: "The Lore of the New Testament." These stories each containing a basic truth, constituted the folk-lore and myths that grew up surrounding the Birth of the Messiah in the life of the Early Church. The Worship Program came to an end with the singing of the hymn, "Who Is He, In Yonder Stall?" followed by the benediction.
 The president, Isabel Ostrander, assumed the chair and led the society in a prayer of thanksgiving. Certain projects for 1956 were discussed including the Missionary Allocation of \$80.00 for 1956. It was decided that a play be put on in the spring by the Society, one evening at each church. Also, the intention was reaffirmed to hold the annual Easter Sunday evening service again this year with one of the Presbyterian missionaries as speaker. Correspondence was read and voted on as the business meet-

ing came to an end. Rev. G. L. Royal, assisted by the social convener, Bill Hunter, ran off a quiz and a vocabulary test which were both entertaining and informative. The winners in the contests were Fraser McNabb and Joan Crawford. The social time was followed by the lunch served by the girls under the lunch convener Shirley Fendley.
 Officers of the Society for 1956 will be: Hon.-pres., Kenneth Richardson; president, Isabel Ostrander; vice president, Bob Crawford; secretary-treasurer, Jean Anderson; worship convener, Victor Ostrander; Evangelism convener, Mariela Dixon; Mishap convener, Jamie Cunningham; social convener, Bill Hunter; lunch convener, Shirley Fendley; Delegates to Presbytery Council: Roy Thompson, Albert Newman, Douglas Starot, Pearl Louth and Donald Anderson.
 —Why not drop down town to see about that special gift that you have left until the last minute. You will find the advertisers in this issue willing and able to fill your needs.

Concert Follows First Baptist School Supper

After gathering for a hot supper on Friday evening, December 16th, the Sunday School of First Baptist Church presented the annual concert to a capacity congregation. Opening devotions included the recitation of the Biblical account of the first Christmas with prayer by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Barker.
 Awards were given to Beryl Williams, Myra Breen and Beverly Emmerson, for perfect attendance for the past year. Others in the honourable mention class to whom awards were also given, were Pamela Williams, Sharin Harley, Caroline Keefe, Ariene Reeve, Glen Buttrey, Mrs. Ruth Buttrey, Lois Clements, Mary Jane Emmerson, Marcia Robinson, Linda Robinson, and Terry Harley.
 The Beginner and Primary classes were a highlight of the evening with their recitations and songs. A cornet solo was played by Gene Roshier. David Harley played his accordion, and Brian Hill played a piano solo. Heather Arnold and Pamela Williams sang a duet, and Beryl Williams sang a solo. Short Christmas plays were presented by the Primary, Junior and Intermediate boys and girls classes. The play by the young women's Sunshine Club "Goodwill to Women" was final presentation.
 The evening concluded with a visit from Santa Claus and the presentation of candy and oranges to the children.

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