



To all our friends we wish all
the good things that this
glorious time of year can bring.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
WILSON'S GROCERY
STEWARTTOWN
Triangle 7-2151

Chatting . . .

with M. H. B.

● **WELL, I'VE MADE A** big enough dent in the Christmas clutter on the dining room table to put the typewriter, so I'm all set for our little chat — that is if I can clear enough of the Christmas clutter from my mind . . .

My thoughts kept straying to Christmas things tho, and right now I'm chuckling to myself thinking about the little tots at the St. George's Sunday School concert last week. They were sweet, and most entertaining as only all groups of children under the age of six can be when dressed in their Sunday best and put on stage to sing a few songs. Before and between numbers many of them were paying a proud "hi, mum!" but they paid strict attention to the rector, Rev. Ken Richardson when he quieted them down for a moment or two before introducing their number . . .

Rev. Richardson said he knew how exciting Christmas was for little boys and girls but they mustn't lose sight of the true meaning of the Christmas celebration. Could anyone tell him whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day? Many hands were eagerly raised to reply, so the rector chose one little girl, who answered in a firmly triumphant voice "mine!"

● **AND HERE'S ANOTHER** little incident to show that it isn't only the adults who find the Christmas rush a bit confusing. One small boy came home and announced to his parents that his Sunday School

concert was on 'such-and-such' an evening. His mother and dad, thinking he had made a mistake, investigated a little, and found that for several weeks he had been attending rehearsals for the Sunday School concert of a church to which they did not belong at all . . .

● **THIS IS THE SEASON** for gifts all right, but Mr. and Mrs. Gates, of Blandford, N.S., who are the parents of Mrs. Ron Mendham received a real surprise recently when they opened a parcel from Dominion Textiles Ltd. in Montreal. It contained pillow cases and sheets and a note congratulating them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They, or their 'clipping-bureau' had noticed an item about it in the Herald, and since the firm is also celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year, they are sending gifts of linen to couples all across Canada who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are the second couple to be remembered by Dominion Textiles as a result of a Herald news item. Earlier this fall, Mrs. John Bell's parent in Toronto received a similar gift.

● **TO GO BACK** to the subject of birthdays for a moment, Mrs. Fred Sinclair noticed in the column a few weeks ago that we had remarked on a birth notice appearing in a Hampton paper in the form of poetry. She has discovered another poetic new parent. This most important occasion in their life prompted him to add to the formal notice of birth

"Let the trumpets resound,
Let the banners unfurl,
We happily announce
The birth of a girl,
Catherine Dianne is to be her name,
And if she could she would loudly
reclaim

That mother and daughter are doing fine,
And father will too, given plenty of time."

● **AN EVENT, NOT OF COURSE** to be compared in importance to the birth of a baby, but nevertheless filled with sentiment for many people, was the discontinuing a few weeks ago of the "Hog Special" — a train very similar to our own "Peanut Trolley" which runs on the north line. In fact Mrs. T. Lisle of Victoria Crescente tells me that in order to visit their home town of Everett they quite frequently used to take the Peanut Trolley and then transfer to the Hog Special to get to their destination.

The Hog Special was the only train running between Beeton and Collingwood. Its arrivals and departures were the daily event for the people on farms and little villages it passed through. They knew the old conductor as a friend. And friend indeed he was to the farmers. . . . It was said when the conductor saw some cattle on the track he'd stop the Special, get out and shoo them off, then get back on again and start up the train.

The Leslies, who farmed near Everett for twenty seven years, surmise that the name "Hog Special" was given the train because it carried a great deal of livestock. The track ran thru their farm, so it was with a sense of personal loss they read it was never to run again.

The writer of this poem published in the Alliston Herald must have shared their sentiment, and voiced that of all the people in the towns and villages between Alliston and Beeton, who in addition to missing the train for sentimental reasons, are now quite isolated if they haven't car of their own. Here is the poem:

"The Last Run of the Hog Special"
The people in Everett are sad today
For the old Hog Special has gone on
her way,
She came up at eleven and back down
at four,
But after today she will travel no
more.
Every day at the station the folk
gathered round,
To see the old train when she rolled
into town,
Now the station is deserted and so is
the track,
For the old Hog Special will never be
back.
It was the only train to travel this line
From Beeton to Collingwood, never on
time,
We could go to Alliston, Tioga or
Lisle,
And up to Creemore about fifteen
mile,
There'll be times we will think we
can see her smoke stack
And hear her old whistle away down
the track,
But it's only a memory for the old
days we yearn
'Cause the Old Hog Special will
never return.
For many long years she has travelled
these rails,
Carrying passengers and bringing our
mail,
Now these days are over and the work
is all done,
The Old Hog Special has made her
last run."

ST. GEORGE'S MEN CHOOSE OFFICERS

New officers of St. George's Chapter of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen were named Sunday morning, when 46 men of the church attended the 8 o'clock communion service and had breakfast together afterwards in the church basement.

Walter Blohn succeeds Stan Finlay as president, and Charles Harris continues as secretary. Acting on the executive are Gordon Spones, Jim Sargent, Rudy Meler, Ken Robertson, Tom VanSickler, Robert Borland and Calvin Lalster.

Low Brandford's 405 Sets New Singles Mark

Bowling a tremendous 405 last week, Low Brandford replaced Jud Davidson as highsingle scorer for the season to date. The new score was 51 better than the previous 354. Mr. Davidson, however, still holds triple honours with the 922 which he bowled a few weeks ago.

It was Brandford week in the league, with Low leading the triple division with 902 also and Harry Brandford second with 786. Single scores were not as high as usual; J. Inglis 290, Joe Hall 297; G. Webster, 292; MacDonald 291; C. Hill 288; Tom Herbert 287.

Other high triples were J. Hall 766, C. Hill 753, B. Taylor 746, O. Herrington 739, F. Carter 734.

There was some shuffling in Big Ten averages. Joe Hall's good bowling lapsed into this favoured group at the expense of J. Saunders. Averages are: J. Graham (Kentner's) 232; B. Anderson (Anderson's) 221; T. Williams (Anderson's) 220; N. Shipway (Silver's) 216; H. Chaplin (Kentner's) 213; H. Chappel (Provincial), 212; G. Barber (Kentner's) 211; F. Anderson (Silver's) 211; B. Kozack (Legion No. 2) 211; J. Hall (Anderson's) 208.

Team standings

Team	W	L	Pts
Legion No. 1	28	14	85
Anderson's	27	15	81
Provincial	24	18	59
Kentner's	23	19	56
Silver's	23	19	52
Legion No. 2	21	21	50
Kay's	20	22	47
Firemen	19	23	45
Mafia	18	24	42
Imperial	18	24	40
Lorne Scots	17	25	40
Hamblyers	14	28	32

—Brrrr. Weatherman Ern Hatkin reports 22 below zero Tuesday morning at his home at Wildwood.

THE Anglican Parish ST. GEORGE'S

ADVENT IV
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve
11:30 p.m. — Holy Eucharist
(Choral) Midnight Nativity Celebration.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25th
Christmas Day
9:45 a.m. — Family, Holy Eucharist
Children's Story
(Boys and Girls choir will render the music at this service for the birthday of the Christ Child)

MONDAY, DEC. 26th
The Feast of St. Stephen
11 a.m. — Holy Communion

THURSDAY, DEC. 29th
10:00 a.m. — Holy Communion
(Prayers for hospitals and the sick)

ST. ALBAN'S GLENN WILLIAMS CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25th 10:45 a.m. — Holy Eucharist (Family Service and Children's Story)

The rector and his family extend every prayer and good wish to the members of the parish and the community, for a Joyous and Blessed Nativity season.



Season's Greetings

FROM THE STAFF

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS

MAY YOURS BE THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS

AT THIS HAPPY SEASON

JOYFUL NOEL

BUCK'S MEATS AND GROCERIES

MR. AND MRS. PAT VANCE MRS. C. J. BUCK MR. AND MRS. JACK TELTER
MRS. FRED RODEN JIM BUCK MRS. FRANK WHITMEE MRS. ERNEST FORGRAVE



Christmas Greetings

CHRISTMAS is a Season to which we look forward with delighted anticipation . . . a Time of Joy and Happiness.

It is the best thing that Christianity has been able to offer in support of Christian aspirations to universal brotherhood and goodwill. It inculcates annually, a solemn truth that "it is more blessed to give than receive" and does tend to promote good fellowship and bring out a pleasant side of human nature.

And so, friends, here we are again for the "umpteenth" year, to adequately express to you, from the bottom of our hearts, our thanks . . . for your loyalty and patronage. Without your co-operation we could not have had the gratifying success that this organization enjoys, and has enjoyed for many years in the past.

With the Christmas Season at hand, and a new year approaching, we re-dedicate ourselves to the service of you and yours.

To you and yours, we extend Best Wishes for a joyous Yuletide and for a Prosperous New Year.

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

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and

H. C. McClure Funeral Home

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