

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Decorations

At Christmas time, a downtown businessman, W. G. Brownridge, collected several small amounts from merchants, and promoted a contest in the public schools in which children were asked to write essays on the downtown street and store decorations.

In the post-Christmas rush, the winning essays never quite made the pages of the Herald. This week, the two top prizewinners are printed. Mario Laird won first prize, and Bill Wilson, second.

Mario Laird

Each year, just before Christmas I like to go around town and look in all the store windows to see how they are decorated. Some have big jolly looking Santas; some have Christmas trees with presents underneath; but best of all, I like the quiet little scene in the Georgetown Herald office's big front window. Whenever I pass that window I feel I'm in a real Christmas mood. The swans in the pond remind me of the swans at the golf links and I really think that swans are the most graceful birds I have ever seen.

Bill Wilson

When you turn down on the main street of Georgetown you will become dazzled at the strange of lights that criss-cross the main street. As you move along, you stop to look at the pretty windows. To your amusement you might even pick up some ideas for a Christmas present.

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THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION

— Jean Macdonald
Dull, insipid, completely lacking in colourful personalities—these words have been used many times to describe Canadian politics. Now, listen to this:

Hon. Mr. Dunlop (who it must be admitted, is more than slightly bald) to Mr. Macdonald: Be careful now, don't lose your head.

Mr. Macdonald: Don't worry, I haven't even lost my hair yet!

And this:

Mr. Whicher: There is one more question I would like to ask. Does the hon. Minister think this is good business . . . where a young girl 17 years of age can go back under the laws of this province, 4 years after she left school, and teach in that school, in a country school where there may be a different clause?

Hon. Mr. Dunlop: Of course, it has been done for over 100 years.

Mr. Whicher: And does the hon. Minister agree that is a good thing to do?

Dunlop: Certainly.

Whicher: And does the hon. Minister think the people of the province are happy about that?

Dunlop: Yes.

Whicher: And the teachers themselves?

Dunlop: Certainly.

And this:

Mr. H. Worton: (A Liberal member) . . . I feel that when the time comes, if any government adopts that treatment again . . . especially the Liberal administration . . . I will not be part of it, because I do not think that is anything to be considered.

Hon. Mr. Dunlop: We are going to strike a medal for the hon. member in the morning.

This is really the relish in the sandwich. These questions, interjections and comments make proceedings in the legislature anything but dull. It is unfortunate that daily newspapers because of the necessary space, are unable to print in full the many fine speeches which are made by both government and opposition members.

For those who would like a sample of the meatier portion of government debates it is possible to obtain a subscription to the Debates of the Ontario Legislature by sending \$3.00 to the clerk of the House, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto.

Once again last week, it was the committee work which seemed to be of greatest interest. Support of Bill No. 25 (which you will remember would allow the Township of Scarborough to issue debentures in the amount of \$397,329 without the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board) has increased since this matter was first discussed in the legislature and referred back to the committee. Several members were strongly of the opinion that the sub-dividers who would be paid for oversize water-mains had been unfortunate victims of oversight and that they were entitled to fair remuneration for work which had been completed.

Ratepayers of the area, along with two council members, oppose the bill however, on the grounds that the work was undertaken on the strength of a verbal agreement. They fear too that if passed, this bill might become the first in a series of such claims. Complaints about this proposed amendment were vehement enough to have a decided effect on its survival. After receiving a flood of telegrams, members voted to send the bill back to committee for further discussion. At the committee meeting MPP's voiced their objections to the bill in no uncertain manner, saying that if it were passed the position of the small retailer would be jeopardized. The Ontario Council of Women, represented by Mrs. Gordon Kerr of Windsor, was not at all happy when the Committee voted to reject the bill. The Council of Women felt that consumers have a right to expect more opportunities for shopping during the evening.

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FARM NEWS

MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT BLACK & WHITE DINNER

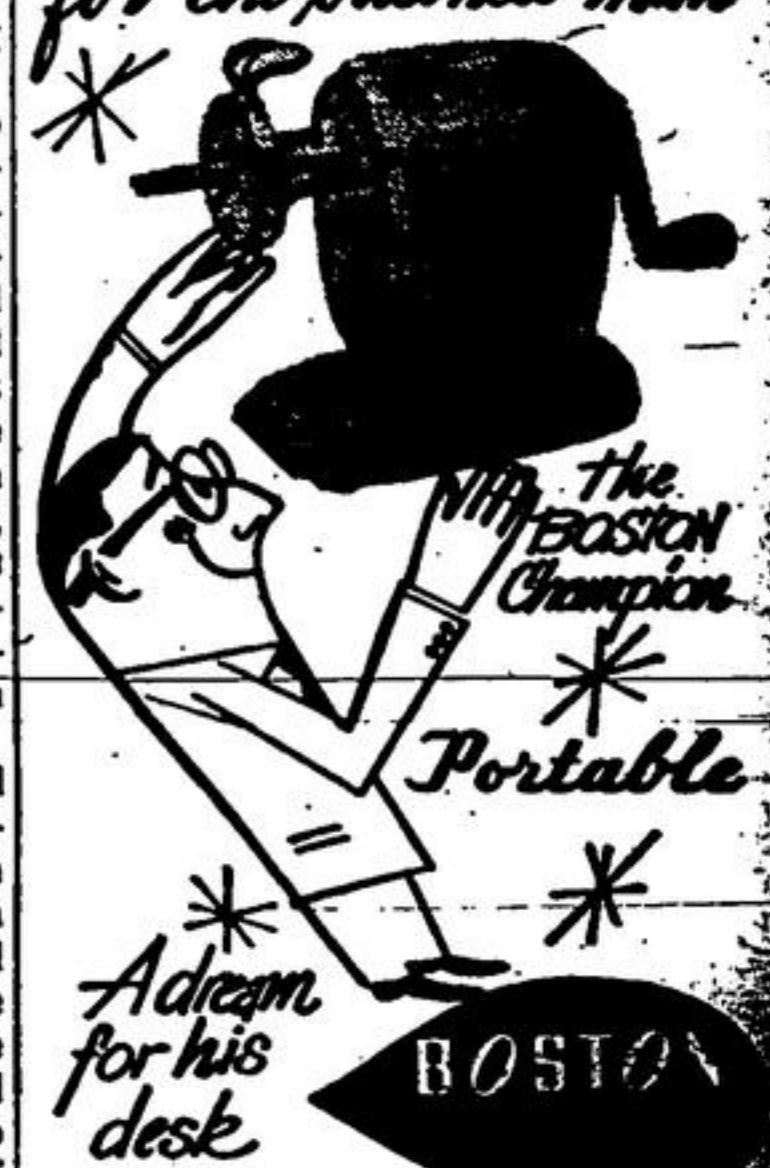
J. E. W.

Some 200 "Black and White" enthusiasts crowded the Trafalgar Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, March 26th. It was the occasion of the Halton Club's annual ladies' night, and president G. Leslie Peer and his fellow officers really did themselves proud. Following the delicious dinner, the introduction of the head-table guests was handled by the club secretary, John W. Pickett. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George M. Clemons of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Beatty (Mr. Beatty is the new president of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club); D. S. Dunton of Brampton; B. S. Beer, president of the Peel Holstein Club; President Quanell of the Wentworth Holstein Club, secretary Messenger, also of the Wentworth Club; and Miss Barbara Cunningham of Ashgrove, who was the Halton Holstein Club's representative in the Dairy Queen Competition at the CNE.

There was no competition between any teams representing the two clubs since the purpose of the event was to promote fellowship between the organizations. Teams were formed as the men entered the arena but it was soon to be seen that a veteran of the game was placed on each rink.

Schneider, were on hand to serve hot roast spareribs, pig tails and other meat delicacies to the 150 men representing the three clubs. Dick Licata was conductor for the affair which also featured music by Joe Marchand and his orchestra. All proceeds went to the Community Swimming Pool Fund.

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