



MANY GUEST SPEAKERS took part in the official opening of the Speyside school and congratulated the ratepayers and board for their forward step in education. Pictured above, left to right, are R. F. Bornhold, school inspector, Stan Hall, Halton MPP, W. Hampshire, former reeve of Esquimaux, and long time resident, C. Sinclair, present reeve and school inspector W. L. McNeil.

New Hospital Will Be In Operation Next Year

Local residents may well stop to think this holiday season of the tremendous change about to take place in Georgetown.

Before another year comes to a close Georgetown will have in operation a modern life-saving plant, in the completion of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

No longer will doctors be obliged to drive to nearby towns with emergency cases—no longer will victims of crashes and other disasters be subjected to a lengthy ride before receiving adequate attention.

All this will end with completion of the hospital in mid year, and when space for over sixty patients becomes operative.

As a new year approaches we may well be grateful, for something that until this past year has been only a dream in the minds of some of our citizens.

Everyone can make this an even greater reality, by stopping and re-examining our personal status towards this wonderful accomplishment. Have we given? ... are our pledges up to date? ... if among the group who could not give at the time of the campaign, could we re-appraise matters presently? ... as a newcomer to town where may we make our contribution? These and many other ways can be used to help in this undertaking.

Contributions or payment of pledges will be accepted at all local banks and also by the treasurer Mrs. Win B. Hamilton.

WIRSY NATIONAL PARK

Many beautiful parks are now open to the public in the United States and Canada. Of these, according to the Book of Knowledge, the first in North America was Yellowstone Park, dedicated in 1872. It has been enlarged from time to time and now covers more than 3000 square miles. Most of the park is in Wyoming, with small portions extending into Montana and Idaho. It is one of the largest wild life sanctuaries in the world.

Notice To Creditors

In the Estate of GEORGE WILSON, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of George Wilson, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, who died on or about the 13th day of November, 1949, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of January, 1950, 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 whose claim she shall not then have notice of.

Dated at Georgetown, the 21st day of December, A.D. 1949.

Edith Louise Wilson, Administratrix of the Estate of George Wilson, by her Solicitors, Haxson, Ord & Wilson, Georgetown, Ontario, and Allen gathered assets Hall.

A Merry Christmas to All!

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas... and extend our thanks for your loyal patronage.

GORD, KEN and BOB

HARLEY MOTORS

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Clement Moore Gave Popular Image of Santa

That jolly, rotund little man, who will bring joy to millions of children this year and whom we know as Santa Claus, was born in the United States, the product of the imagination of Dr. Clement Moore who wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas".

There was, of course, a Saint Nicholas. He is the patron saint of children and known for his miracles and generosity. But for the American people Dr. Moore transformed him into a jolly, plump, rosy checked little man with reindeer and sleigh.

In 1822 the story of Santa's birth begins in the afternoon on Christmas Eve, 1822, in Dr. Moore's home—Chelsea House. Christmas Eve was always an exciting time in the Moore household. Late that afternoon Mrs. Moore reminded her husband that he still had some Christmas presents to deliver to friends in nearby Greenwich Village.

Dr. Moore pulled on heavy winter boots, and overcoat, called for Peter, an old Dutch handyman on the estate, hitched up a horse and sleigh, and the two were off on the Christmas mission.

In an hour or so they were done and on the way home at a gay tempo with jingling bells, which were fastened to the horse's harness.

Inspiration

During this ride Dr. Moore had his inspiration. In Peter's round, ruddy face and sparkling eyes he had seen Santa Claus. The sound of bells in the clear crisp air produced a vision of reindeer flying through the wintry air.

Dr. Moore remembered that he had promised to write a Christmas poem for his children and during the ride he composed the gay jingle.

First Reading

That evening, by the fireplace, he read the poem to his children. From this tenuous beginning, the Santa Claus we know has spread literally all over the world. The poem has been printed in many millions of copies. It has been translated into scores of languages, and into Braille.

It was in this manner that St. Nicholas, a serious Fourth Century Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, Asia Minor, became a happy laughing little man who flies through the sky in his sleigh pulled by reindeer, dressed in furs, smoking his pipe and going down chimneys to give little boys and girls goodies and toys.



HOLIDAY TREE

This is one tree, for sure, that didn't grow on the hillside. It's a sparkling aluminum Toll tree, widely available this year, which has a beauty all its own when simply decorated with Christmas ornaments or lights of one colour.

Halton Debaters Win First Against Peel

By J. A. P.

Halton Junior Farmer debating team has won the first round of debates, against the Peel Junior Farmers, on Thursday, Dec. 8th, in Brampton. The members of Halton's debating team are Jean Moffat, Rockwood R.R. No. 2, Jack Robertson, Milton R.R. No. 5,

Rabbits Enemies of Young Fruit Trees

By J. A. P.

Protect Fruit Trees Against Rabbits

Rabbits have no place in an orchard. Both cottontails and jacks (European hares) frequently ruin young fruit trees during the winter by stripping bark from the trunk and scattering limbs and biting off small branches. Apples and pears are preferred, but rabbits may attack other trees also.

Sometimes rabbits are distracted from attacking trees, by piles of fresh prunings, forks of hay, or discarded cabbage. This is often a good place to hunt them, especially if these baits are not set too far from the barn.

Wrapping small trees with sackling will protect the tops of young trees. Tie the wrapped tree securely to a stout stake or a steel fence post, to prevent sleet or heavy snow breaking the tree over. Usually it is only possible to wrap a limited number of trees. If the orchard is fenced against straying livestock, a poisoned bait might be tried. Good quality alfalfa or clover hay tied in bundles, poisoned with strychnine, will do the job. Experiment to find the best place for the poisoned baits—above the snow—but not out of reach.

Rabbit repellents also are used to protect trees; many new ones are being sold this year. But keep in mind that repellents containing oil may seriously injure the bark. The most effective repellent is effective until there is deep crusted snow or other food is scarce. New commercial repellents are also being sold this year.

Complete information can be obtained from the Extension Branch Office at Milton. Contact Mr. E. F. Muir, Extension Specialist there.

Gift Giver Has Different Names

The Christmas time gift giver has many different names in the various lands of the world, and even in Russia youngsters annually await the arrival of two legendary benefactors.

Kolya (Nicholas) is supposed to go about Russia on Holy night, leaving tiny wheat cakes on the windowsills and in addition there's "Babushka" who also gives gifts to little boys and girls (in repentance a legend says, for supposedly misdirecting the Magi on their trip to Bethlehem).

Italian children await the arrival of "Lady Befana," a fairy queen who presents gifts. Some Spanish children believe the gifts come directly from the child Jesus—'el Niño Jesús'.

To All — Our Warmest Season's Greetings



Styles change, but our Christmas Greetings to you still convey the same old-fashioned best wishes!

THE STAFF AT

Canadian Tire Corp.

ASSOCIATE STORE

Say Need is Here For Opportunity Classes

The Editor, Georgetown Herald.

In your last week's publication we read with interest a report on a brief submitted by the school principals for the appointment of an Art Supervisor. We are very much in favour of any progressive step towards the education of our children but we feel that both the school principals and the School Trustees are adopting a "head in the sand" attitude towards the real problem confronting our educational system at the present time.

We feel that the appointment of a specialized teacher to deal with the upgrading of "below average" students to average standards would be a boon to our educational system and would be a realistic and constructive approach to the solving of what we would determine to be the "Georgetown Problem".

Even the present employment of a music supervisor is of secondary importance. If both the school principals and the school trustees would choose to face facts and reveal to the people of Georgetown the present percentage of below average school children, we do not doubt that our town council would support them towards the rectification of this problem.

It is known that certain individuals in our town have approached the school board with

the suggestion that opportunity classes be organized in our schools to raise the standard of the "below average". This suggestion was ignored.

Such classes are in operation in Cooksville and are proving to be very successful and we should demand to know why our tax dollar should be spent on less important subjects, when the need of the "below average" is so great.

Albert Claxton, Robert McNeill, Langstone Crescent Georgetown.

GREETINGS

Rev. and Mrs. M. G. McFarlane and their family and Rev. W. C. Murdoch of Belleville wish to extend joyous Christmas Greetings to the members and friends of St. John's United Church and their other friends in Georgetown and surrounding area.

Morgan & Ethel McFarlane

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We herald the holiday season with warmest wishes for the health and happiness of all our loyal friends and good neighbours.

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Santa's Due — and it's our cue to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas from all of us.

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Paul & Ursula Eckert

Hunter's Inn

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Happy Holidays...

MAPLE LEAF DAIRY

FRED STEEN

The Season's Best Wishes

We sincerely wish our many customers and friends all the blessings of this happy season, and extend our thanks for their patronage through the year!

JACKSON'S BARGAIN CENTRE

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